THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of January 1 - 7, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, January 1, 1950 Cloudy

History waved its time honored wand at the stroke of midnight and ushered in a new half century. To some it was an occasion to celebrate with noise and gaiety. But to our old Inn which in the course of two hundred and sixty years has already witnessed the beginning and end of several centuries and two half century years, there was nothing to shout about. It remained calm and serene under a cold, grey Winter sky and at midnight deep silence reigned around this old-fashioned quaint abode. Only the dim light from the outside lamps brightened the path for old Father Time. Inside, as the tall grandfather clock standing like a sentinal struck twelve, a burning ember in the fireplace, a symbol of the past fifty years, flickered and went out.

Monday, January 2, 1950 Fair

The various books put out by Duncan Hines sold very well during the summer months. They are called "Good Eating" (in which the Wayside Inn appears), "Lodging for a Night" and "Good Cooking". Now another one, in an attractive green cover, has been added to the list called "Vacation Guide". On the front cover it says: "Good places to spend an enjoyable vacation, winter or summer, spring or fall." Every state in the Union is represented as well as Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica, and three hotels are recommended on St. Croix, one of the Virgin Islands. It is a very informative book and should be a good seller. If one can not actually go to all these fasinating places one can sit at home and travel there in imagination for only a dollar seventy-five.

Tuesday, January 3, 1950 Pleasant

At long last we have found time to examine with more thought and care the large number of greeting cards which came to the Inn family at Christmas time. Here is a card with printed Christmas Benediction from the Bishops' House at Concord, New Hampshire. And this cheery bright card with gayly colored Christmas bells is from our Post-Mistress. A lovely religious card with reproduction of Botticelli's painting of the Madonna of the Magnificat is from Anthony Angelico, one of our favorites of the Boys School.

Tuesday, January 3, 1950 (continued)

Our Neighbor, Mr. Fountain of the Graycroft Cabins sent a very conservative type of card with a "thank you" note. Poinsettias decorate the greeting from Stammy, a former dining room girl of whom we are very fond. And here is one from San Francisco wishing us a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and signed Spiro Mite - another boy from the school. Going over these cards is like a kind of Re-union with friends of the Wayside Inn gathered around the warm hearth of the Bar room fireplace.

Wednesday, January 4, 1950 Warm

The unprecendented warmth of these first days of the New Year has caused grass to grow green, buds to swell and many people say flowers of various kinds are blooming in their gardens. We can boast of a few hardy little snow-drops. Mr. Coulter has been looking for this first of the perennials since Christmas. Today he pointed them out, growing just outside the Old Kitchen windows, very straight and hugging closely to the stem, to be sure, but the white of the blossom could be plainly seen. Another warm day like this one will bring them wholly out.

Thursday, January 5, 1950 Pleasant

An attractive child's book, much thumbed and worn by an eight year old who lives in the mid-West, has been thumbed and read again by the hostesses. The book is called "Little John of New England" and in it is a pacture of Longfellow's Bed-room at the Wayside Inn. A visit to the Inn is described and the author says that when travelling in New England there are three memory collections one might make. One would be a collection of famous authors, another of famous schools and another of famous historic spots. Of course, the Inn comes into the last category and we find the old Wafer iron which hangs in the Bar-room mentioned. Also the Hutch table. We often wonder just how far our little candle sheds its light and after hearing how much this little book means to the eight year old way out there near Chicago we know that it goes many, many miles.

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Friday, January 6, 1950 Rain

A wedding dinner in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Mr. John Corbett and Miss Wynne of Sudbury, took place in the Old Dining Room this evening. Thirteen members of the family and of the bridal party were seated at one long table. A Roast Beef dinner was enjoyed by all.

The Van Cise family from New Jersey spent the night at the Inn. Their daughter is to be a bridesmaid at the Wynne wedding to be held in Wayland on Saturday.

The Wynnes are new comers to Sudbury and we sincerely hope they will become Wayside Inn friends.

Saturday, January 7, 1950 Fair - Cold

The weather has been warm and spring like for the past few days, however, snow flurries appeared this morning, followed by colder winds and sunshine this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams from Holliston, long time Wayside Inn friends, drove to the Inn for luncheon today.

Six members of the "Ice Capades" now appearing at the Boston Garden paid us a short visit this afternoon. Accompanied by Mr. Gorman of the Garden and guided by Miss Fisher, they were taken on a tour of the Inn. All were enthusiastic about the Inn and enjoyed their short visit.

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THE WAYSIDE INN

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Week of January 8 - 14, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, January 8, 1950 Very Cold

Our house guests were not in the usual happy mood as they bid us farewell this morning. Mr. Van Cise who went over to the parking space before breakfast to start the motor of his car found one very, very flat tire. He right then and there had to pull out his spare and in zero temperature, change the tire. About an hour later Mr. and Mrs. Tillbury were about to make their departure with bags and baggage when lo and behold, Mr. Tillbury discovered a flat tire on his car. Both couples were delayed and left hurridly without the customary smiles and handshakes.

A wedding anniversary, celebrated one week late, was the occasion for a very happy party in the old dining room this evening. The anniversary couple were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Adams from Westboro and this is their forty-fifth married year. Another couple, who have been close friends all through the years were here with them, to offer congratulations and best wishes.

Monday, January 9, 1950 Cold

Two of our neighbors, Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Temple, entertained another neighbor, Mrs. D'Olive, at tea today. The latter has just bought the house recently vacated by the Crelleys.

Mrs. Temple, who lives across the street, invited her to tea as a gesture of friendliness to a newcomer.

THE WAYSIDE INN

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Week of January 8 - 14, 1950 inclusive

Friday, January 13, 1950 Rain

A freezing rain covered the ground today and made travelling very hazardous, however, school was in session at the Mary Lamb School and the children enjoyed their weekly dancing lesson at the Inn.

The Wayside Inn family are looking forward to the annual Universalist Ministers' Retreat, which will begin a week from next Sunday. This year, as in years gone past, the ministers plan one evening's entertainment, which includes an invitation for all Inn employees. A square dance is planned this year with all the ladies of the Inn being invited as dancing partners for the ministers. The ladies are delighted!

Saturday, January 14, 1950 Fair - Warm

Professor Schell, accompanied by a photographer, arrived at the Inn early this morning to take pictures for their 25th anniversary volume.

Professor Schell and a group of twelve men have made the Inn their head quarters for a series of winter business meetings for the past twenty-five years. This anniversary volume will contain many interesting pictures of the Inn and of the men in Professor Schell's group.

The picture taking continued until late afternoon, after which the men were seated for dinner in the Old Dining Room.

A short business meeting followed in the Old Kitchen.

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Week of January 15 - 21, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, January 15, 1950 Pleasant

Speaking of Mr. Ford, one of our dinner guests today, Mr. Frederick S. Snyder, recalled a meeting of the American Meat Institute held in New York many years ago. He said that as National Chairman of the above organization, he presided at a gathering of 2000 people in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. It was held in honor of some American Pioneers. Mr. Edison was there and Mr. Firestone and Otis Skinner, the famous actor, gave a reading. Mr. Snyder recalled, more vividly, a recent party at which he was the honor guest celebrating his 82nd birthday. He was formerly president of the well known meat firm in Boston, Batchelder and Snyder.

Monday, January 16, 1950 Pleasant

At about four o'clock Rev. and Mrs. John Copp of South Sudbury came with their three children, David, about nine and the twins Barry and Bryan, about five years of age. Another minister, Rev. John W. Johannader and his wife came with the Copps to see the house. Their little girl, Nancy Elizabeth was with the Johannaders and being too small to walk was carried in turn by different members of the group. David said he wanted them to see two things, the gun over the fireplace in the Bar-room and the clock spit in the Old Kitchen. A complete tour of the Inn was taken, including Jerusha and Garden. The two ministers were students at Boston University, doing graduate work, ~~at one time~~, and had planned this meeting of their families then. Rev. Johannader is minister of the Methodist Church in Westport, Massachusetts.

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Tuesday, January 17, 1950 Pleasant

One of our old, old boys, not old in years but in length of time since graduation from the Boys School, returned recently to renew Wayside Inn friendships. Frank Calvert graduated twenty-four years ago and then went to Detroit. He worked as a chemist in the Ford Company and continued his education at night school, finally achieving a college degree. He told us that he is now with a Soy Bean Company in Cincinnati and has the supervision of fifty men. Frank is married and has two children. He was on business in Boston and for the first time since leaving the school was able to visit the familiar scenes of his boyhood. He walked slowly through all the rooms of the Inn asking about certain pieces of furniture and spent quite a long time in the Ball-room. Not many who are here now knew Frank Calvert, but Miss Condon, Miss Staples and Mr. Coulter remember him as one of the finest and brightest boys ever to attend our school.

Wednesday, January 18, 1950 Cold - Windy

Today the fireescape on the third floor was completed and on the door of the linen room appears this sign, "Emergency Exit". This is a very necessary precaution which, it is sincerely hoped, will never to put in practice.

A letter from Dr. Etz arrived giving the list of the ministers who will be coming this year to the 48th Annual Retreat. There are seventeen in all and two new names have been added to take the place of the two who passed away during the year, Dr. van Schaick and Dr. Huntley. They will be greatly missed by the other ministers as well as by the Inn family. No one can take their places. We shall also miss Dr. Etz, himself, who says he is unable to attend but may drop in on Tuesday to say "hello" to the Fraters and"to keep up his attendance record."

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Thursday, January 19, 1950 Pleasant

Mrs. O'Toole is in "hiding" again from the cares and duties of her large florist shop in Waltham. Once in a while she comes to the Inn loaded down with a brief case filled with bills and other business papers. She spends two or three days here getting things straightened out in the quiet of her room. "I simple can not get away from the telephone and other interruptions when I am at the shop or even at my home" she said today. In between her working periods, Mrs. O'Toole, who is tall and very beautiful, gives us a few glimpses of her philosophy on life. She believes in living a purely Christian life and making it bright and gay and worthwhile for other people. More than that, by her very presence, she creates an inspiring spirit of loving kindness whenever she enters the room.

Friday, January 20, 1950 Pleasant

Mrs. Olive Anson Jenks, a former hostess at the Inn, entertained a group of sixteen friends at dinner this evening. The fire burned brightly on the hearth, as a long table was attractively set for the group. A delicious dinner consisting of Fruit Juice, Fricassee of Chicken on Rice and our famous Baked Indian Pudding with Ice Cream was served. After dinner Mrs. Jenks, took her friends on a tour of the Inn, which was enjoyed by all.

Saturday, January 21, 1950 Fair-Cold

This is one of the coldest days we have had for quite some time and few people ventured out today. However, Mr. E. A. Thompson from the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Boston brought eight cold and hungry men to the Inn for dinner this evening. The fires were burning brightly in the Bar Room, the Washington Dining Room and the Old Kitchen and after toasting their toes in front of all three fires they remarked" We have been on an all-day tour of Boston, Concord and Lexington and these warm fires are the most pleasing thing we have seen all day."

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Week of January 22 - 28, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, January 22, 1950 Snow

This is our big story of the year. It is annual. It always begins on the third Sunday of January when the Fraters arrive for their yearly Retreat at the Wayside Inn.

This is the forty-eighth Retreat. It began with the arrival of the Reverend Max Kapp of Canton, New York. He preached in his old parish of Fitchburg, Massachusetts this morning and arrived here in time for dinner. "I want you to note that I am positively the first to come", he said. There is a tradition that the first to be here must continue to be the first and no one shall precede him. Years ago there was always a race between Dr. Hammett and Dr. Tomlinson. But today there was no compeition. Dr. Kapp was first. When Dr. Lalone, coming in later, was informed of this he said, "Yes, of course, Max probably slept down the road a piece last night and was waiting at the gate when it opened this morning!"

And so the Fraters are full of their usual good humor this year as in the past. There are, however, several shadows hovering over them which are not seen but felt when there is a gathering of the "boys" around the old fireplaces or at the familiar dining table. One is the loss of dear Dr. Huntley who passed away a very short time ago and another is the absence of Dr. Etz whose activities have been curtailed by a serious illness during the past year.

There are only seventeen men in session this year, three or four less than usual and by ten o'clock when they were called by the Prior for Devotions in the Old Kitchen, almost all of the "forty-eighters" were here. Fred Leining who is known as the "Landlord" had arrived from New York state and Wallace Fiske was in his accustomed place from Hartford, Connecticut. Dr. Lalone is occupying John Van Schaick's room on the second floor, the Garden room - "And while I like to occupy it for sentimental reasons" said Frater Lalone, "it makes me feel very sad." Thus the Fraters come - - and go. When they come they bring joy and gladness and when they leave it is with the same happy spirit. The Inn is a richer and better place for their being here.

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Monday, January 23, 1950 Pleasant

Today's mail brought a letter with the heading, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. Attached to it is a "partial list of the serial numbers and denominations of the currency stolen in the armed robbery of Brink's Inc. on January 17, 1950. Part of the letter signed by E. A. Soucy, Special Agent in Charge, follows:

"It would be appreciated if you would bring this list to the attention of all members of your staff with the request that they be particularly alert to any attempt to pass any of these bills."

It is very doubtful if any of this money is passed in here but we certainly would like to be able to help solve the mystery of this robbery.

The Ministers' Retreat has started in earnest, Rev. Hoyt, Dr. Kapp and Dr. Lalone were the speakers at the three meetings held through out the day. The subjects are mostly on Universalism, the Problem of Evil and a review of Niebuhr's "Faith and Order". The evening closed with Devotions at ten o'clock but it is rumored that the fun of fellowship and the meeting of brilliant minds goes on into the wee sma" hours.

Tuesday, January 24, 1950 Rain

The official program of the Retreat scheduled a business meeting this morning at nine o'clock. This was followed by "Devotions" and then a book reviewof "Years of the Modern." After luncheon there is always a "Guiet Time" which lasts about an hour. The next formal session was at four o'clock when Dr. Gus Leining reviewed "Psychiatry and Religion" by Liebman. Dinner was at six-thirty.

Interspersed among the regular sessions were informal discussions and the usual joshing and fun making. Several sent post-cards back home to shut-in parishioners and others talked to Dr. Ellsworth Reamon about the fire in his church. "Did the church burn down?" they asked. "No, churches always burn up", replied Frater Reamon. Reverend

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Tuesday, January 24, 1950 (continued)

Albert Zeigler arrived today from Somerville to take the place of Dean Ellenwood who was called home by the death of his brother-in-law. During the afternoon a copy of the account of Paul Revere's Ride which wasmade by Paul Revere himself, was brought out from the Inn files and read to a group of interested listeners by Max Kapp. When dinner time came the ministers were all hungry and filed into the dining room for a Roast Pork dinner.

The official program stated that there would be Pictures and Square dancing on Tuesday evening. The pictures were shown at eight o'clock in the large Ball room and depicted the Fraters of 1949 in search of the sheep in the field across the way. It was a moving picture and with Dr. Fred Leining as the Shepherd, the audience was taken to the Barn, Grist Mill, Chapel and Mary Lamb School house. The return to the Inn was made in a snow storm very realistically shown in the pictures. One could see and feel the little white flakes falling sofely and gently upon the Inn. The evening ended with Square dancing directed by Mr. Haynes who gave both Fraters and partners a very lively and jolly time. The partners were provided by ladies of the Inn staff, hostesses, dining room girls and Miss Smith from the Kitchen. Mrs. MacMillan from the Housekeeping department was there and three housewives from the neighborhood. Mrs. Purdy proved to be a graceful dancer and entered into all the dances which included the Grapevine Twist, Life on the Ocean Waves, Standard Quadrille and Virginia Reel.

"Devotions" end the Fraters' day at ten o'clock but tonight because of the dancing, "Devotions" were not held until after eleven o'clock. Thus the second day of the Retreat program came to a close.

Wednesday, January 25, 1950 Cloudy

Here we are before the blazing fire in the Old Kitchen where only a few hours ago the Fraters were bowed in prayer. On the last morning of their Retreat they hold a Communion Service at the long trestle table in this old pine sheathed room. How many words of joy and sorrow have been spoken here and stored away in the dark corners of this room! But they are secrets and we would not wish them to be told.

Wednesday, January 25, 1950 (continued)

During the Communion Service the whole house was quiet and not a sound came from the Old Kitchen. The Fraters were in meditative mood when they re-appeared but soon went about their activities in the usual happy way. They began preparations for departure and a few good-byes were said before luncheon. Dr. Fiske took more pictures for his historical record of the Retreat and two or three went to the Country Store to purchase cheese. Dr. Hoyt came down from his room with brief case in hand ready to leave. "Can you get all your travelling accessories into that small bag?" he was asked. "Yes, indeed" said Dr. Hoyt "but I suppose when the rest of you fellows come you always bring a few more things than you need hoping you will be invited to stay over a few days longer."

Gradually they left, some taking the Bus and others going in private cars. Dr. Niles who is one of the "new" men was on his way to Lynn to see his aged father and mother before returning to New York state. The time of parting is always a bit sad and as we sit in this old room which has watched the coming and going of countless Fraters, we too are a little sad and in the fireplace we seem to see them all - the lively, bright, restless flames and underneath the slowly burning embers.

Thursday, January 26, 1950 Very Warm

The King's, frequent house guests from New Canaan, Connecticut, left early this morning to meet Mrs. King's sister at the North Station. She is Mrs. J. D. MacMillan and was coming from Campbellton, New Brunswick, to spend the night at the Inn and then drive on tomorrow to stay with the Kings in Connecticut.

In the evening the Colbys came in to dinner. Mrs. Colby said she was so tired out from packing she just could not cook a dinner for her husband. Saturday she is going on a trip to be gone about five weeks and Miss Staples and Mrs. Calvin Smith are going with her as far as Williamsburg, Virginia. After a week there Miss Staples and Mrs. Smith will return, and Mrs. Colby and another friend are driving down to Miami, Florida to stay a while and they they will "fly to Cuba"! Mrs. Colby was quite enthusiastic about this part of the trip and very anxious to get where it is warm and sunny.

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Friday, January 27, 1950 Cloudy - Warm

Recent Guests

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Harrison enjoyed luncheon at the Inn today. Mr. Harrison is the new "Director" of the Fruitlands and Wayside Museums in Harvard, Massachusetts. They Harrisons, formerly of Washington, now live in an old house next to the Tea Room on the estate. They plan to make many improvements at the Museum.

Mrs. J. De forest Ventor from Connecticut is spending a week at the Inn. Her son is a student at St. Mark's School for Boys in Southboro, so she divides her time between the school and the Inn. She is a very pleasing person and we hope to welcome her many more times to the Inn.

Saturday, January 28, 1950 Rain - Cloudy

Miss Staples, Mrs. John Colby and Mrs. Calvin Smith left at eight A. M. this morning for Williamsburg, Virginia. We will be delighted, as we were last year, to hear of their many pleasant experiences at picturesque Williamsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Allen, accompanied by two neighbors, enjoyed a Steak Dinner in the Old Dining Room this evening. Wilfred is a Wayside Inn Boys School Graduate and proprietor of Allen's Country Store in Sudbury. Mr. Allen, his wife and four children are prosperous and happy.

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Week of January 29 - February 4, 1950

Sunday, January 29, 1950 Fair - Cold

Among our dinner guests today came Professor Chila, who just arrived in this country from Japan. Accompanied by an interpretor, Professor Chila enjoyed a tour of the Inn and dinner in the Old Dining Room.

Bishop Wright, assistant to Arch-Bishop Cushing of Boston stopped at the Inn on his way to Worcester and partook of a Roast Beef dinner.

Mr. Wiles, a florist from Marlboro arrived with the flowers for the MacDonald-Parker wedding and also presented the hostesses each with a pink camellia which were more than happy to wear.

The marriage of Miss Ramona MacDonald and Mr. Allen Parker of Hudson took place in the Martha-Mary Chapel at five-thirty. A reception for one hundred and twenty-five people followed in the large Ball room of the Inn.

Monday, January 30, 1950 Warm

Mrs. Glover and her daughter Mrs. Rogerson from Wayland dropped in for luncheon today and we were very glad to see them again. Mrs. Glover is eighty-three years old and interested in all sorts of people and things. It is always a pleasure to have her here and apparently she enjoys the Inn. Mrs. Rogerson said that they were on a shopping tour several miles away when she asked her mother where she would like to have luncheon. Mrs. Glover did not hesitate, she said, "the Wayside Inn" quick as a flash. When leaving Mrs. Glover always has a cheery word and warm expression of appreciation for the Inn.

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Week of January 29 - February 4, 1950

Tuesday, January 31, 1950 Cloudy

Miss Knowlton from Grafton, Massachusetts was a charming little old lady who came recently for luncheona and told interesting stories about her mother who lived at the Inn. Her mother was a Miss Dadman, later Mrs. Knowlton and her grandfather was Orin Dadman who took over the Inn after the death of Lyman Howe. The Dadmans lived here between 1862 and 1875 and permitted people to come in and look around. Miss Knowlton always enjoys coming to the old homestead and picturing her mother here as a little girl.

Wednesday, February 1, 1950 Cloudy

Many beautiful colored cards were received today from Miss Staples and Mrs. Colby, who are spending a week in Williamsburg, Virginia. Many lovely pictures of "period rooms" and elaborate flower arrangements. They are truly pretty enough to frame. We studied and enjoyed each and every one.

We are always happy to welcome, if only for a few minutes, one of the Boys School Graduates. Today, the front door swung open wide and Leroy Benson greeted us with a friendly smile. Leroy lives in the near-by city of Marlborough and quite often stops in to inquire for his school-day friends.

Thursday, February 2, 1950 Snow

Three inches of snow fell today to enhance the rather bleak and brown countryside. Few people ventured out today, but Rev. Huffman and Rev. Baxter who are spending a few days resting and studying at the Inn, decided to have a break from their studies by taking a walk in the snow.

Rev. Baxter was interested to see Mr. Hamilton's name on our register and remarked, "Oh, Mr. Robert Hamilton from the Dearborn Inn!" "I corresponded with him at the time of my wedding and my wife and I spent our honeymoon at the Dearborn Inn."

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Week of January 29 - February 4, 1950

Friday, February 3, 1950 Pleasant

Rev. and Mrs. Ashton and four-year-old daughter traveled to the Inn today to view the Mary Lamb Pupils at their dancing class.

Rev. Ashton, a guest of the Frators in January, enjoyed their square dancy party and also Mr. Haynes, so he decided to bring his family to the Inn to see Mr. Haynes and our square dance class today.

Rev. Ashton's four-year old daughter was so delighted, she immediately began teasing her mother to invite some neighborhood children in and to start a dancing class. We sincerely hope she succeeded.

Saturday, February 4, 1950 Fair - Cold

Miss Jean Harden and Mr. Robert Homes, Jr. from Newton exchanged marriage vows in the Martha-Mary Chapel. A wedding breakfast was served in the Old Dining Room of the Inn for the bridal couple and immediate members of the family.

A three o'clock wedding was held in the Chapel for Miss Betty Hicks of Framingham and Mr. Arthur Taylor of Poughkepsie.

The bride was gowned in white taffeta with finger tip veil and carried a bouquet of white roses. The maid-of-honor wore a nile green taffeta gown and carried a bouquet of American beauty roses.

A reception for forty people followed in the Large Ball Room. The bridal couple left for a wedding trip in Maine and New Hampshire.

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Sunday, February 5, 1950 Fair - Cold

This being a sunny winter day, many people ventured out to the Inn for Sunday Dinner and for an afternoon enjoyably spent in front of the open fire in the Bar Room or the Old Kitchen. The ground, being free from snow, prompted many to walk their families or their girl friends down to the Grist Mill, or the School House and back again.

Dr. and Mrs. Bell, accompanied by their two grand-sons, sat at their usual corner table on the Porch and partook of a Roast Beef Dinner.

Miss Frazier and her mother, who are freqent Inn guests, sat by the fire in the Old Dining Room and enjoyed their favorite Sunday Dish, Roast Turkey with all the fixings. Today Mackie made Chocolate Chiffon Pie topped with Whipped Cream and the Fraziers were delighted with this very tasty ending to a delicious meal.

Monday, February 6, 1950 Rain

A great grandson of the 19th century writer Nathaniel Hawthorne, visited the Inn today for the first time and expressed pleasure at seeing his ancestor's picture hanging on the wall in the front hall. He announced however, that he thought we should have a better picture than the small engraving and proposed to send us one. We regret that we did not get the gentleman's full name but we do know that he is a Mr. Hawthorne and lives in Connecticut.

Four ladies from what is called a Christian Center in Boston were dinner guests this evening and told us that it was a great treat to come to this old, quiet and peaceful house. "We see a pretty grim side of life" one of them said and added that they do all kinds of social work among seamen and their families. The Centers are supported by the Baptist Church. One of the ladies in the group is leaving soon for Colorado and this was a farewell party given for her by the other three missionaries.

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Tuesday, February 7, 1950 Pleasant

Two Swedish newspaper men and one member of the Swedish Skiing Team stopped for luncheon this noon on their way from Rumford, Maine where an International Ski meet was recently held. The Swedish gentleman finished first in the event which was originally scheduled for Lake Placid. Due to lack of snow it was necessary to transfer the meet to Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard V. Smith, Jr. are overnight guests and are an unusually friendly young couple. Mr. Smith is on a business trip in connection with the Brinks robbery and Mrs. Smith confided that she came along for a rest. "You see, we have adopted a baby which is due to arrive next week. I dont expect to get any rest after the baby arrives", she said.

Rev. and Mrs. George Cadigan of Rochester, New York, are also staying overnight. They know the Inn well having been formerly in the parish of the Episcopal Church in Salem, Mass.

Wednesday, February 8, 1950 Pleasant

We have been interested for a long time in Number 9 Knox Street in Boston which is an eating place owned and operated by two young men by the name of Staples and Stanley. Mr. Stanley was here today and told us that he has a very tiny kitchen and serves dinner only. The capacity of the house is about twenty. Consequently his entire business is done by reservation and many are turned away every day. There is practically no selection of food, no long menu cards to ponder over. "I just prepare vegetables in season and a good salad and my soups are delicious" said Mr. Stanley today. He added that he has never had a complaint and that he has many repeat customers "even though I have raised my price to $4.00 a plate."

Rev. and Mrs. Cadigan came bursting into the Bar-room this morning with lots of vim and vigor and rosy red cheeks. They had been skating on the Carding Mill pond.

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Thursday, February 9, 1950 Fair

The National Greenkeeping Superintendents Association assembled at the Hotel Statler this week for their annual Turf Conference and Show. Today seventy-seven wives of the members came to the Inn for luncheon. It was a sightseeing trip as well and three Gray Line buses took them first to Craigie House in Cambridge then through Lexington and Concord. When they finally arrived at the Inn they had good appetities and enjoyed their chicken pie and baked Indian Pudding. After looking through the house and signing the register they left for Boston by way of the Country Store.

Friday, February 10, 1950 Fair

The old Walker House, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Colby, has been written about in an article which appears this month in Yankee Magazine. Several pictures of the house accompany the reading matter which tells how it was purchased by its present owners and how they made it over to accommodate three people, Joan being the third person, when she is home from school.

Miss Staples, by the way, has returned from her trip to Williamsburg and Mrs. Colby has gone on to Florida. Post cards keep us in touch with her progress and her delight in reaching sunshine at last and clear sparkling water to swim in.

Just twelve children came to dancing class today, six boys and six girls - just the right number for a Virginia Reel. They also practised the waltz step very carefully and learned the Waltz Quadrille.

Saturday, February 11, 1950 Pleasant

A couple who looked very familiar to us dropped in for a friendly chat this afternoon and introduced us to their daughter, a student at Pine Manor School. They were the Duryea family from Longmeadow, Massachusetts and interested in the Antique Automobile Association of America. The last time they came to the Inn, Mr. and Mrs. Durea arrived in an old Cadillac Victoria. They told about the last Glidden Tour which was made in September to Williamsburg, Virginia. This year the Tour will go to Akron, Ohio to visit the Firestones.

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Saturday, February 11, 1950 (continued)

Fay School is having a mid-Winter festival and many of the parents are spending the week-end in Southboro and vicinity. Several from New York have been assigned rooms here.

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Sunday, February 12, 1950 Pleasant

This being Lincoln's Birthday we were pleased to find in today's issue of the Boston Globe a large and fine picture of the Lincoln statue in Washington taken by our own Bill Cash. Bill is the boy who graduated from the Boys School with the determination to become a Newspaper reporter. He climbed the ladder and is now an able assistant to the Managing Editor of the Boston Globe. We are proud of Bill and his picture of Lincoln which, the caption tells us, was taken last August with a simple box camera aided only by bright noon day sun.

Had a nice talk this morning with Dr. Tearcher from Westport, Connecticut overnight guest, who said he enjoyed a walk yesterday afternoon to the Mill and Country Store. "I enjoyed it because of the landscaping - or rather lack of landscaping. I like the way the surroundings have been left in a natural state", he explained.

Monday, February 13, 1950 Warm

A bashful young couple came into the house this afternoon and asked if they might go about and see the rooms. The young lady said that she remembered a lovely old kitchen and that she came here once when a very little girl. "I want to show my friend that kitchen" she said as they started looking around. Later we discovered that these "children" had come all the way from Danbury, Connecticut on this Winter day just to see the Wayside Inn and "that old kitchen".

Reverend and Mrs. John E. Wood with two friends were dinner guests this evening. It was not very long ago that Mr. Wood was here as a member of the Fraters group. He is one of the "young" ones.

Tuesday, February 14, 1950 Pleasant

RECENT GUESTS

Several members of the Dupont family. They registered as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Felix Dupont, Jr.
Michael Dupont
Richard C. Dupont, Jr.
William Dupont

Miss Ellen C. Rice, housemother from the Perkins Institution for the Blind, who worked in our canning kitchen when our own fruits and vegetables were preserved for use in the dining rooms.

Commander Sherry, a handsome blonde and distinguished looking gentleman, who admired the antiques and spoke of the Revolutionary musket. This was his first visit to the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Duryea and daughter Jane from Longmeadow, Mass. Mr. Duryea is the son of the famous manufacturer of the Stevens-Duryea automobile.

Mr. G. Holden Green, Reconstruction Advisor specializing in early New England houses.

Wednesday, February 15, 1950 Rain

A Miss Doran came this evening to make arrangements for her wedding to be held on June 10th in the Martha-Mary Chapel. Now we have many brides who come for the same purpose but Mrs. Flint described this bride-to-be as especially "cute" and attractive. She and her Mother were very enthusiastic about the Inn and Chapel as a lovely setting for the wedding. "My goodness", said Mother "I only wish that I could have been married here!"

Mr. Colby who is keeping bachelor's quarters while his wife is enjoying the warm sunshine in Florida, is a more frequent guest these days than usual. He comes in at least once a week for dinner and tonight called our attention to the recent article in Yankee magazine which tells the story of his house. The Colbys, as we have mentioned many times before, live in the old Walker house on Peakham Road. The article is accompanied by several good pictures showing exterior and interior views.

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Thursday, February 16, 1950 Cloudy - Rain

RECENT REMARKS

Mrs. Grazier after Sunday dinner: "The chocolate chiffon pie was out of this World".

The Smiths when leaving. "It was just like being at home. In fact, it was nicer than being at home!"

Man from German: "I was in Germany day before yesterday. Just flew over and wish I could stay right here at this old Inn."

Rev. Edward J. Riley on stormy day: "I guesss I'm making history as one of the few who stopped at the Wayside Inn today."

Mr. Miller, luncheon. "I know the food is good here. My wife, who comes from way out West, told me to be sure and stop here. I was brought up in New England but have never been here before.

Guest on tour: "You can put a sign on this place "Approved by Robinson - that's me."

Friday, February 17, 1950 Snow Flurries

This was a typical "winter day" with heavy black clouds hovering overhead and occasional snow flurries.

Mr. Alexander Phillips from Attleboro, Massachusetts, an engineer for the Raytheon Company, has been our guest for several days. He has recently purchased three acres of land on the Marlboro Road and intends to build a house on the land in the early spring. The house, Mr. Phillips explained, will be U shaped and constructed with cinder blocks.

A small wedding took place this evening in the Martha-Mary Chapel.

Twelve members of the immediate families were in attendance while the bridal coupe from Holliston, Massachusetts exchanged their marriage vows.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

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Saturday, February 18, 1950 Cloudy

The Inn welcomed several so-called "old timers" today and among them were Miss Frazier and her mother. They sometimes visit us two or three times a week, but no matter how often they appear, they always bring the same happy smiles and are most cordial to every one. It is indeed a pleasure to greet them.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams enjoyed luncheon in the Old Dining Room this noon. Mr. Williams has recently been quite ill but before his illness he was a frequent guest at the Inn and often brought groups for an Old Kitchen Dinner.

Mr. Whitman from Marlboro brought a lady friend to dinner. Mr. Whitman has spent many happy hours at the Inn and has planned many family parties here.

The Freshman Class of the Anna Maria College in Marlboro held an informal dance in the Ball Room this evening. The dance was appropriately entitled "Snow Dance". Bright colored paper snow drops and school banners were used to decorate the room. A three-piece orchestra played dance music and an enjoyable time was had by all.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

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Sunday, February 19, 1950 Cloudy - Rain

During the early morning hours when all of Sudbury and the Wayside Inn in particular was quiet with sleep, a young student at Harvard College arose and started walking westward. He was on his way to the Wayside Inn. As a matter of fact he left Cambridge at quarter of five and walked most of the way to Sudbury. About nine o'clock he entered the Bar-room and like a traveller of old, sought first the warmth of the open fire. Then he ordered Breakfast. The hostess, who gave him a cordial welcome, recognized the young man as the nephew of Mrs. Ventor, who recently spent a week here from her home in Connecticut. On several occasions she entertained her nephew at dinner. Today our "early bird" told of his desire to come to the Inn again and of his unusual hike before Breakfast.

Two small boys were here for dinner today with their parents and we learned that they were brothers in spite of the fact that one of the boys was tall and blonde while the other was short and dark. The blonde kept tugging at his mother's arm and trying to lead her into the hall. "He wants to go to the Country Store for some Rock Candy" explained Mother. She told us that the boy was passionately fond of putting a big chunk of rock candy into his mouth and letting it dissolve there! At Christmas time they planned to put some of the old-fashioned sweet on the Christmas tree. They had made it at home. But young Johnny was suspicious and after peeking into several paper bags and boxes, he found the candy and "dissolved" it all before it reached the Christmas tree.

Monday, February 20, 1950 Very Cold

The talk of the town and elsewhere in New England has been about our mild Winter weather. But this morning the thermometer went tumbling down to below zero and it didn't rise to any great extent all day. When Mr. Estabrook reported for duty at four o'clock this afternoon he greeted us with the news that the temperature was exactly zero. Consequently the fireplaces with brightly burning logs have been like magnets and have drawn our guests to them for comforting warmth. One such guest found the Inn a particularly welcome shelter after a drive from Stamford, Connecticut. He was Mr. Lagemann who will be staying here for the rest of the week. He described his trip in a new Lincoln "Cosmpolitan" as a very beautiful

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drive through the snow-capped Connecticut hills. After putting his car under cover, Mr. Lagemann asked for an extra blanket and announced that he was going to bed. "I think it is the best place to be on a cold night like this" he said.

Tuesday, February 21, 1950 Very Cold

Another cold day, very cold, and not many people are travelling around just for fun. We have had a few guests who were on their way from place to place for some special reason. However, our dinner guests this evening were here to celebrate a Birthday and Wedding Anniversary. They were two couples from Cambridge, the men being graduate students at Harvard. One of the young ladies was especially interested in the Inn and its furnishings and compared the early New England furniture with the furniture which is considered "antique" in Hawaii. She had lived there before coming to this part of the World and said that a few old pieces of furniture have survived the termites in Honolulu. These she described as English Victorian. In speaking of our hand-made utensils she said that not only good workmanship was displayed but also a generous share of "moral fibre" went into their making.

Wednesday, February 22, 1950 Snow

We are really getting Winter in a very generous dose. Making up for lost time, so the news commentators tell us. Slowly we are being buried in snow.

Being a holiday we welcomed more than the average number of guests for this time of year. Most of the guests today came to partake of our holiday dinner which was topped off with cherry pie. And our Roast Beef was especially well liked by two young ladies from England. They had the usual British accent and when asked how they would like to have their Roast Beef cooked, one of them exclaimed "Why, jolly well done of course!"

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Wednesday, February 22, 1950 (continued)

Someone spotted a large brown bird walking or rather strolling towards the old-fashioned garden this afternoon. Others ran to the window and discovered a hen pheasant seeking food and shelter in the midst of the snow-storm. Soon another bird appeard and one followed another until nine were counted. But in a few minutes we had lost sight of them. They had nestled down in the snow under trees and bushes.

Thursday, February 23, 1950 Snow

There is not much to report today regarding the guests. They were few and far between, due to the fact that the storm continues. There is sleet and rain intermingled with snow and over all is the lower than freezing temperature. This makes travelling very uncomfortable and really dangerous. Mr. Lagemann, our house-guest of the week, stay in-doors until this afternoon w when he walked half-way up Mt. Nobscot. Upon arrival at the house of Mr. Hurlburt who owns the apple orchard, he found the family at home laying some linoleum on the kitchen floor! They were most cordial, he said, and with a smile added that they invited him to take off his coat and help with the work! He declined as graciously as possible and returned through the snow to the comfort of his own room on the third floor of the Inn. We are enjoying Mr. Lagemann very much and glad he is here to keep us company during the storm.

Friday, February 24, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. Walter Lagemann, a guest at the Inn for nearly a week, has told us many interesting stories of his travels about the country.

Yesterday, Mr. Lagemann flewto Baltimore, but returned today, for a special engagement in Worcester.

A glance at today's paper and we soon learned the answer. It was to be an engagement party for Mr. Lagemann's nephew Mr. Peter Jay Lagemann, son of Mr. Eric Lagerman of Englewood, New Jersey, to Miss Dorothy Alton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison Alton of Worcester. Miss Alton was graduated from Dana Hall, and from Finch Junior College. Mr. Lagemann was graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover and is asenior at Yale University.

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Saturday, February 25, 1950 Fair -Cold

The table in the "Old Kitchen" was attractively set this afternoon with the red and white checked table cloth and place settings for twelve. A fire burned brightly on the hearth and everything was in readiness for the dinner.

This was to be the bridal dinner of Grace Wilbur Wells and Lewis Alexander Scammell who were married this morning in Worcester.

They are an elderly couple, but quite gay and very spry.

After a brief wedding trip the couple will reside at 122 Morningside Road in Worcester.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of February 26, 1950 - March 4, 1950

Sunday, February 26, 1950 Pleasant

This was a very pleasant Winter day but still extremely cold. Not many people ventured out for Sunday dinner. Mr. and Mrs. W. Prichard Browne of New Canaan, Connecticut are spending the week-end here in order to be near their son who is a Sophomore at Harvard College. Their home is in a beautiful country section of Connecticut where the nights are quiet and still. "That's why I like to stay here" said Mrs. Browne, "It is quiet and I can sleep."

Sunday afternoons these days are becoming popular for wedding couples-to-be. They come to the Inn to ask about arrangements for weddings in the Martha-Mary Chapel and wedding receptions at the Inn. Sometimes the fathers and mothers come too and other members of the family. If they decide to make the Inn the setting for their wedding, hostesses are kept busy writing down details and making pertinent suggestions. Most of the weddings are scheduled for June.

Monday, February 27, 1950 Pleasant

The Sudbury Enterprise now runs a weekly column entitled Wayside Inn Briefs. In last week's issue the following headlines appeared: "Enjoys this newspaper in California." Loy Bancroft, formerly of Sudbury and Bill Elder send greetings." Evidently, Mr. Bancroft, a former cook at the Wayside Inn and Bill Elder, a student at the Wayside Inn Boys School, met out in California and had a fine time chatting and recalling the days before the war. Bill is living in Los Angeles and Mr. Bancroft is in Hemet, California, is vice-commander of the Legion Post and as chairman of the annual Army Feed was to cover all the details together with being the cook on that day. Seven hundred and fifty veterans were expected to attend the outing which was held on March 4th.

Tuesday, February 28, 1950 Partly Cloudy

Our neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Temple have been entertaining Mr. Temple's son from Ohio and brought him to the Inn this morning for Breakfast.

Tuesday, February 28, 1950 (continued)

Professor Schell invited his Waysiders group to the Inn this evening for one of their regular dinner meetings. There were thirteen men in attendance. After dinner, Bill Clapp, one of the oldest members, gave a talk in the Old Kitchen on Panama. Also a professional photographer was present to continue taking pictures of the members against typical Wayside Inn backgrounds. These will be incorporated inthe 25th anniversary souvenier booklet which Professor Schell is having made up for the occasion. This tenty-fifth year has seemed to stimulate a lot of interest in the group and they are going forward with re-newed enthusiasm.

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Wednesday, March 1, 1950 Pleasant

A poem by Dana K. Akers appearing a few days a go in some newspaper, was brought to our attention. It is called "Who Love Old Houses" and the following lines are quoted because they so aptly describe the Wayside Inn:

"And when the night and lashing storm unfold
Their sombre cloak above my wayside inn,
Fancy will bring the sound of wheel and hoof,
And long-gone guests alighting on the drive,
To claim the shelter of the ancient roof
Once more, the shadowy hall will seem alive
With unseen forms - while laughter, clink of coin
And boastful tale disperse the taproom's chill
There may be casual mention of Burgoyne
Braddock and Lafayette, while lackeys fill the
pewter mugs."

Thursday, March 2, 1950 Pleasant

Miss Fisher returned today from a ten days vacation. Part of it was spent in Kennebunkport, Maine where she helped in settling her brother's estate. He died about three weeks ago. The rest of the vacation Miss Fisher spent in Boston with her sisters.

There has been considerable interesting activity among our neighbors, some pleasant and some otherwise. Mrs. D'Olive who lives in the next house beyond the Country Store fell down the cellar stairs and broke her left arm and

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sprained one ankle. She lives alone and is having difficulty getting her own meals etc. More cheerful news is that Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell whose home is the old Southwest schoolhouse are leaving tomorrow for a five week's stay in Europe. They are flying over from Boston. John Colby is flying to Miami tomorrow night where he will join his wife and motor home from there.

Friday, March 3, 1950 Very Cold

Under the guidance of Mrs. Hugh Hare of West Newton, thirty-five ladies came for luncheon today arriving in a Gray Line bus shortly before one o'clock. They were the wives of a group of X-Ray specialists now convening in Boston and as delegates from the Eastern States were guests of the New England Radiologists. As the day was very cold the ladies were glad to get into the house and some of them stood by the fireplaces until the call for luncheon was heard. Upon finishing their meal of Broiled Haddock with lobster sauce, topped off with Indian Pudding and Ice Cream, the ladies were taken through the house by Miss Staples. Some of them stopped for a moment at the door of the large ballroom where Mr. Haynes was conducting his dancing class and the intricacies of the Heel and Toe Polka.

Saturday, March 4, 1950 Pleasant

Of the four pianos at the Inn two are Chickering's, another was made by Chickering and Mackay and another was made by A. Babcock for G. D. Mackay of Boston. The Chickering Company is still making its fine pianos and ran an advertisement in last Sunday's Herald which said in large type "Do you know?" Underneath was a facsimile of a newspaper clipping of May 24, 1844 telling about a concert given by Ole Bull. Then the advertisement continues:

> "Tickets for the Ole Bull concert were sold at $1.00 each, Jonas Chickering, a prominent piano manufacturer in Boston since 1823, was in charge of the sale of tickets."

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

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Sunday, March 5, 1950 Partly Cloudy

We were surprised at noon time to see Mrs. Robert King from New Canaan, Connecticut with her sister Mrs. J. D. MacMillan and Mr. King. The Kings will accompany Mrs. Mac Millan to the North Station in Boston this evening where she will take a train for her home in Nova Scotia. Then Mr. and Mrs. King will return here to spend the night.

A very nice elderly lady kept the rest of her family waiting at the door this afternoon while she came over to the Bar and told the hostess - "I feel like saying 'Good-bye' to some one- it's so nice to have seen this lovely old house."

The young fry are much in evidence on Sunday. Today we entertained a little girl of about seven years who was minus one of her front teeth. We should have said that she entertained us - and a good many other guests. She described in detail just how she had pulled the tooth out and that "it did not go down the sink".

Monday, March 6, 1950 Pleasant

This season is quiet also seems to be a season of change for the Inn staff as they come and go on their vacations. Lena has just returned from spending about ten days with her brother in Norton. It is good to have her back. Agnes will be leaving in a few days to spend two weeks with her twin brother in New York where his daughter has found a position in a bank. Miss Staples has not been back from Williamsburg very long and Mrs. Flint is taking her vacation when her husband will be free from studies the last week in March. These people are planning to come back but Mrs. Maki, who has worked so faithfully in the kitchen for eighteen years, does not expect to return. Everyone in all departments will miss her but wish her the best of luck in her new undertaking. She is opening a small restaurant in the town of Maynard and is leaving the Inn a week from today.

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Tuesday, March 7, 1950 Warmer

The following were dinner guests this evening:

Mr. and Mrs. Gillette - not of the safety razor family - but from Boston and very old friends of the Inn. They chose Yankee Pot Roast from the menu and were seated at a table near the fireplace in the old dining room. After dinner they lingered to tell us about their children and grandchildren.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank M. Cross, Jr. who have just come to Wellesley College where Mr. Cross has taken a teaching position. He teaches Bibical History.

Mr. and Mrs. King from Fitchburg, who are also old friends and who talked about World affairs, the radio and where to get good food. "It is always good here" they said.

A party of five with an elderly gentleman as host. He told us - "I like to take these young people out to dinner. It keeps me young and gives me a great deal of pleasure."

Two gentlemen, one of whom is the Ford dealer in Salem, Mass. His territory also includes Beverly and Marblehead. He has been with the Ford Motor Company thirty years.

Wednesday, March 8, 1950 Pleasant

A recent item in the Sudbury paper contained the engagement announcement of Mary Louise Foss of Sudbury to Mr. Edward C. Wynne, also of Sudbury. Mary has done summer waitress work at the Inn for several seasons.

We sincerely hope Mary will choose our Martha-Mary Chapel for the ceremony, not only because of her connection with the Inn, but because it is somewhat of a family tradition, for Mary's two sisters were married in the Chapel.

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Thursday, March 9, 1950 Pleasant

"I have travelled a good deal in Concord", said Thoreau who had no desire to stray away from his native town. We may have had the desire, but we have never been very far from the Wayside Inn. Yet we have travelled. We have felt the warmth and culture of India in talking with a gentle-voiced Indian. The shops of Paris have displayed their finery right here in the very Parlor of the Wayside Inn. We have walked through the tulip gardens of Holland with Hollanders. And once we flew across the Atlantic in the "Spirit of St. Louis" with Charles Lindberg! How often we have wandered in imagination with our guests! They have taken us to remote islands and crowded London streets. We have chatted with a Swedish Prince. And here in our own country, we have been many times to California. Yes, we can understand how Mr. Thoreau felt, altho' his travels were of a different sort. His journeys were not geographical. They reached far into Nature's own world and into the hearts and lives of men.

Friday, March 10, 1950 Pleasant

Two friends of long standing came for lunch today, Mrs. Stidger and Mrs. Oxnam. Mrs. Stidger is the wife of the late Dr. William Stidger of the faculty of Boston University Theological School. He was a great friend and admirer of Mr. Ford. Mrs. Oxham's husband is the well-known Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church whose name appears frequently in the newspapers and is widely quoted on many subjects. The two ladies seemed most happy to be at the Inn as it holds so many pleasant memories for them both.

Saturday, March 11, 1950 Cloudy

The spring wedding season is in full swing today, with an afternoon ceremony scheduled to take place in the Martha-Mary Chapel and a reception for eighty people to follow at the Inn.

The bride, Miss Bowman, was a stunning brunette. Her dark hair and lovely dark eyes provided an excellant contrast for her full length ivory satin gown. A finger-tip veil, caught to a crown of apple blossoms, made up her head-dress.

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Her bridal bouquet consisted of a single white orchid and white lilacs. Miss Bowman's maid-of-honor was gowned in frosted white organdy over nile green taffeta. Two bridesmaids were gowned in identical organdy gowns, over pink taffeta. All wore flowers in their hair and carried bright spring bouquets consisting of pink roses, yellow tulips african daisies, acacia and lavender lilacs.

The beautiful bride, the colorful gowns, the gay spring flowers, the carefully arranged Buffet table and last, but by no means least, a towering white wedding cake. All combined to make this our first spring wedding a colorful and memorable occasion.

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DIARY

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Sunday, March 12, 1950 Pleasant

We were honored today by a visit from President Marsh of Boston University who was the guest of honor at a party given by the Reverend William R. Leslie of Brookline, Mass. Others in the group were Mrs. Marsh and Bishop J. Ralph Magee and his wife from the Chicago Methodist Temple. Also the Reverend J. Hosmer Magee and Mrs. Magee from Great Falls, Montana. Boston University, under the leadership of President Marsh, has undertaken a huge building and expansion program. Several new buildings have already been completed and tomorrow the Daniel Marsh Chapel will be dedicated. The University is observing its Founder's Day and the Boston Herald this morning carried a supplementary section devoted to it. Among some fine colored pictures of the new buildings, the class rooms and students is a large studio portrait of President Marsh.

Monday, March 13, 1950 Snow

Six men came for lunch in the midst of a snow storm. They did not seem to mind the snow and talked cars most of the time. They were with Mr. Dowd of General Motors in Framingham and two of them came from Toronto, Canada and another signed his name and residence as Derby, England. After a very hurried tour of the Inn, they went off in the snow. They did have time, however, to take a quick glance at the sap-bucket and easily recognized the signature of the Prince of Wales.

Tuesday, March 14, 1950 Pleasant

Several ministers attending the Boston University Founder's Day Convocation were luncheon and dinner guests today.

Brian P. Barr of Casablanca, Morocco, was here this afternoon for tea, bringing with him a very pretty young lady and also a strong British accent! Less spectacular was Mrs. O'Toole who arrived at dinner time and went quietly to her usual room, the Garden room on the second floor of the Inn. Mrs. O'Toole was armed with portfolio and several books for a two day "rest?" The books are relaxing, yes! - but

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from the portfolio she will bring forth a lot of bills and business correspondence which will consume a large part of her "rest". Nevertheless Mrs. O'Toole says the change does her good and she looks forward to coming to the Inn about once in every two months. She and her husband are in the Florist business in Waltham.

Mr. Purdy was host today to members of the Wayside Inn Corporation who held their annual meeting here and enjoyed luncheon served in the Old Dining Room.

Wednesday, March 15, 1950 Pleasant

Our dinner guests this evening included Rev. Parsons and Rev. Goll of Hudson. Rev. Parsons, an elderly gentleman, enjoys many of the same pleasures as our departed friend Dr. Huntley did. Very often on a spring day, Rev. Parsons will come to the Inn for luncheon after a long walk on one of the near-by wooded paths, and relate an interesting story about an unusual bird or flower he has seen in his travels.

Rev. Goll, a resident of Hudson, and acting Pastor for nearly five years, very often brings his family of three to the Inn for Sunday Dinner. Rev. Parsons and Rev. Goll are good friends, it seems, and tonight they were dining together.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall drove from Connecticut to Boston today to view the annual Spring Flower Show and also to make their annual visit to the Inn.

Thursday, March 16, 1950 Pleasant

Three infantry officers dropped in for dinner recently and were quite friendly and chatty. "If you want to identify an officer's rank by the insignia he is wearing, remember this" - said the Major. "An oak tree is not as high as a maple tree. Therefore the insignia of a Major is an oak leaf. Next above him is a Lieutenant Colonel with a maple leaf. Next higher is the eagle which soars above the maple tree (Colonel) and way up at the top is the star of a General.

Thursday, March 16, 1950 (continued)

Speaking of oak trees, we were interested in what Mr. Frank E. Chaflin a recent guest had to say about a red oak tree which he knew as a boy. He said that the tree was 28 feet in diameter and that he was so impressed with it that he wrote a letter about the tree to Oliver Wendell Holmes. No doubt Mr. Holmes was pleased with the interest taken by the boy. He was known to go out of his way to see and examine an old tree. But he didn't see the old red oak. He wrote a very courteous reply, however, a letter which Mr. Chaflin holds dear to his hear and cherishes today.

Friday, March 17, 1950 Pleasant

Miss Mary Earle Gould of Worcester, author of Early American Wooden Ware came in for a chat as she does quite frequently. She has a fund of information and we like to hear her discuss her books and how they were put together, as well as antiques. She is writing a new book about tin ware, now that The Early American House is off the press. A Mrs. Foss from Windsor, Connecticut, sitting in the barroom after lunch, happened to overhear the conversation. She expressed a desire to see the books so they were procured and she enjoyed looking at them as much as talking with the author. Mrs. Foss said she would try and get the books put into her library at Windsor.

Saturday, March 18, 1950 Pleasant

Fifty children, all members of the Ridgeway Camp in Coopers Mills, Maine, accompanied by their teachers and parents held a reunion at the Inn this afternoon.

The camp directors, Mr. and Mrs. C. Owen Green, have had large camps in the past, but believe in a small camp so now limit their enrolment to fifty. Pictures were taken of the children at the tables in the large Dining Room.

Following the luncheon, the group adjourned to the large Ball Room where "Singing Games" were played for the remainder of the afternoon.

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Sunday, March 19, 1950 Pleasant

A lively little Englishman was our overnight guest last night and this morning appeared early to be ready when his host, Mr. Atkinson of the Sudbury Laboratories arrived. When Mr. Atkinson came he introduced his friend as Mr. Cyril Baron from Manchester, England and said that Mr. Baron had been helping with the exhibit from the Sudbury Laboratories at the Boston Flower Show. "He talks about our soil testing kit and other products and his English accent always gets the ladies" said Mr. Atkinson.

Other overnight guests were Mrs. C. B. Read and her granddaughter, Miss Statton, who have been motoring up from Florida and stopping at all historic sites en route. One more day and they will be back at their home in Maine. "So this visit at the Wayside Inn" said Mrs. Read "has been a thrilling finale to our trip."

Monday, March 20, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Upham said that they had gone fifty miles out of their way in order to eat at the Wayside Inn. They had driven to Fruitlands in the town of Harvard just to see the view, and then came to the Inn for dinner after which they drove back to their home in Malden. Mr. Upham seemed very much interested in the old piano in the parlor and was shown the strings and sounding board inside. He said selling pianos was his business and that he had sold one recently very much like the one at the Inn. The Upham family is a very old one it seems, and reunions are held every year in a beautiful old house in Melrose built by Phineas Upham in 1690. When told about the Rice and Brigham family reunions held at the Inn every year, Mr. Upham said that gave him an idea and he would suggest the Wayside Inn for the next meeting of the Upham family.

THE WAYSIDE INN

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Tuesday, March 21, 1950 Snow

Instead of Lady Spring making a dramatic entrance today garbed in a cloak of light green, Old Man Winter appeared again and laid a heavy, wet blanket of snow on our doorstep. There was enough of this white substance for one of our young guests to make snow-balls. He threw one at the lamp post and aimed another at the side of the house. His bright yellow mittens and muffler to match were probably knit by the adoring grandmother who stood by and watched the performance. Previously, the two had been in the house together with Mother and another adoring adult, Auntie Fairchild. They ate lunch and then inspected the Old Kitchen and Bar-room. The little one, John R. Hall 3rd of Washington, D. C. kept pulling at his mother's arm to come and see this and that. "Auntie Fairchild, will you please come and see these cunning boots on the foot-stove" he called. When asked where he went to school, John said he was in the pre-first grade at Fort Meyer. "That's just before the first grade", he explained.

Wednesday, March 22, 1950 Pleasant

Spring rains have about made up the deficit in the water supply in this region and today the dam at the Mill was in danger of over-flowing so that the large pipe had to be opened to let out some of the excess water. This will flood the meadow by the Inn and make a marshy homeland for the red winged black birds due to arrive any day. Miss Smith has seen a robin from her window at the Gate House, Dick Spencer reports that the cock pheasant and eight hens can be seen every day near the Inn eating dried berries still hanging from the low bushes and Mr. Robinson saw a bluebird which comes to nest every spring in the same tree near his home in Marlboro. These are the "signs of Spring" up to date.

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DIARY

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Thursday, March 23, 1950 Pleasant

At lunch time two ladies came in and said "Who was Evangeline's boy friend?" It mattered very much as the husband of one of them had written from Montreal in Canada for her to find out. It had something to do with naming a boat, it seems. Gabriel Lajeunesse was the poetic name of this young man and the ladies were delighted to learn it.

Our friendly young neighbors from just over the border in Framingham, Mr. and Mrs. Sohier Welch, came in early this evening dressed in ski clothes and made reservation for dinner at seven o'clock. Later, dressed less picturesquely but perhaps more appropriately for dinner, they came back. They had been on vacation in New Hampshire and went home to change, to see the baby and the baby sitter and then after dinner they were going to the movies in Maynard.

Friday, March 24, 1950 Warmer

It is warmer but we are still waiting for Spring and balmy weather. Others who are anxious to see singing birds and green grass are the Phinneys from Lake Kedgemakooge in Nova Scotia. They stopped here for dinner this evening on their way home from Florida.. and told us about their Summer resort Lodge, called Ked-ge Lodge, in the heart of Nova Scotia. This they own and operate for about one hundred and thirty guests and from their description it must be a beautiful spot. Kedgemakooge is the Indian name for Fairy Lake and a few of the Micmac Indians still live on its shores.. Mr. Phinney says that his Lodge is an ideal place for honeymooners and he hopes that we will be able to send a few his way.

Saturday, March 25, 1950 Partly Cloudy

Other interesting guests during this past week have been Mrs. Ernest M. Mayling and Miss Mayling from Kennebunkport, Maine on their way to Florida, just "for the ride." They will stop at Williamsburg, Charleston and other famous places on the way. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Strong and Mrs. Marian Long from Camden, Maine were also overnighters on their way South. The parents of Joan Nichols were on their way from Schenectady, New York to Boston where they were to attend a concert given by their daughter at the New England Conservatory of Music. The concert to be her Graduation thesis. Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Gorely of Weston entertained at dinner this evening for three guests from Rhode Island, all members of the Wedgwood Club.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of March 26th - April 1st, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, March 26, 1950 Pleasant

It was a very correct and appropriate bouquet which appeared on the dining table of the McQuillan party this noon. It was made up of deep red garnet colored carnations and pussy willows arranged in an old pewter mug. The McQuillans were celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary and the garnet stone and garnet color are symbolic of such an occasion. Mr. and Mrs. McQuillan were accompanied by their son and daughter.

One of the small fry appeared today in a bright red coat and hood and was asked if she were Red Riding Hood. A tiny little voice peeped: "No, I'm not, I'm the fancy little girl". Mother had to explain that when her daughter goes shopping she always picks out dresses with ruffles and lace on them. An interested clerk called her the "fancy little girl".

Friendly and chatty were Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, he one of the Charter members of Professor Schell's group.

Monday, March 27, 1950 Pleasant

Notice of the opening on Saturday, April first, of Mom's Kitchen has appeared in the local papers. Alma H. Hiltunen and Rauha Maki are the proprietors of this new restaurant which is to be on Main Street in Maynard. The advertisement says, "All Home Cooking including Pastries". Knowing "Maki's" pastry so well for so many years we know this new venture will be a success.

Tuesday, March 28, 1950 Warmer

For the past week we have entertained very few overnight guests so it was somewhat of a surprise when by nine o'clock this evening practically every available room in the house was occupied. The Reverend Mason Cross brought another young clergyman for an overnight stay and a much-needed rest. In fact the friend, whose name was Tolson, seemed to be in almost desperate need of a change. His expression was strained and tense and not until after dinner and an hour's relaxation in front of the old fireplace did he seem refreshed to any degree. Mr. Cross who has been here frequently, informed us that Mr. Tolson is a psychologist as well as an indefatigable religious worker.

Tuesday, March 28, 1950 (continued)

Other overnight guests were Mrs. Walton Smith and Mrs. Wilbur Forman from Middlebury, Conn. They were accompanied by two charming daughters, students at the Connecticut College for Women. Both young ladies expressed a desire to hold their wedding receptions here - if and when they are married. Also among our house guests was Miss Anita Gardner, a friend of the Henry S. Dennison family of paper tag fame and our neighbors "over the hill" in Framingham Center.

Wednesday, March 29, 1950 Pleasant

You would never guess that Mrs. W. H. Miller of Santa Rosa, California is an Antiques Dealer. By her dress one would suppose her to be a Prairie farmer's wife from Kansas. She wears a gaudy plaid shirt, a course woven skirt and regular man's cap with visor. But Mrs. Miller is a lover of old things and particularly early New England furniture and the supplementary household utensils. This was her second visit to the Inn. She was here last Summer and has since been back in California selling a large stock of antiques which she picked up in this vicinity. She said she had pretty good luck selling the things which she bought and she is now looking for more pieces to carry across the country to her shop. When leaving, Mrs. Miller expressed in a very sincere way her appreciation of the Inn. She said, "I don't think anyone could enjoy this place more than I do. There are other places but none as nice as this."

Thursday, March 30, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. Gorman of the Boston Garden came again today with a celebrity, this time young Richard Dwyer of Los Angeles. His father, who has some connection with one of the movie concerns, was with him. It pleased Richard very much as well as his proud father to be asked to sign his name in the Special Register where he also wrote. "Ice Chips of 1950" and his age, 14 years. He is the Pacific Coast Champion but modestly said that our Dick Button would carry off all the honors of the show.

A group of 25 ladies of the Red Cross Hospital Service had luncheon on the porch followed by a business meeting. Mrs. H. M. Rollins of Sudbury was among the guests and Mrs. L. A. Coit of Hopkinton had charge of the luncheon menu which every one enjoyed. The main dish was stuffed Tomato with Chicken Salad and the dessert, Baked Grapefruit Alaska.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of March 26th - April 1st, 1950 inclusive

Friday, March 31, 1950 Pleasant

Dressed in their very best and pink cheeked with excitement, the children of the Mary Lamb School were taken to the studio of W B Z in Cambridge to appear in a television show. Mrs. Bennett was there to tie shoes, straighten neck ties and hair ribbons or smooth out a rumpled dress, in fact to keep order in general. This did not seem to be necessary, however, as the children's behavior was perfect. After a brief introductory talk by Mr. Haynes they went through their paces without hesitation. Their fine training was evident in the way they danced the Waltz, the Heel and Toe Polka and went through the mazes of two Quadrilles, Life on the Ocean Wave and Hinkey Dinkey Parlez-vous. Now and then the photographer would show a close up of a happy face or feet keeping strict time to the music. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy were interested on-lookers. Mrs. Purdy harly ever misses the dancing class on Friday's at the Inn, in fact she often helps out when a girl is needed to make up the correct number in a Quadrille.

Saturday, April 1, 1950 Colder

Sixteen men of middle age and all executives of important business organizations throughout the United States, were guests of the American Oil Company in our Old Kitchen at noon time today. They were seated at one long table which was set with an old-fashioned red and white table cloth and placed in front of the fireplace. They were served a Baked Ham luncheon which they topped off with Indian Pudding and Ice Cream. Then, after examining the Letter-Booklets which had been distributed to each guest, they listened to the story of the Inn told by one of the hostesses. This was only a part of a historical tour planned by the American Oil Company for these distinguished guests. Most of the men present are attending a refresher course in business administration given by the Harvard Business School . . and their time for such sight-seeing is limited. Consequently they all expressed a desire to come again when they could stay longer.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of April 2 - 8, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, April 2, 1950 Pleasant

With the arrival of Spring, guests are beginning to appear from all points of the compass. Today we talked with a charming couple from Philadelphia who said they were "just fascinated" with the Inn and another couple from St. Louis who were equally impressed with this old house.

Out-of-doors, our feathered friends are arriving daily from points south and Mrs. de Windt, a bird lover, who was here recently, reported seeing bluebirds, robins, phoebes and at least a hundred fox sparrows.

Other signs of Spring are in the house-keeping department where freshly starched dimity curtains are being hung at the windows and frilly canopies from the high post beds are being washed to look as white as snow.

Monday, April 3, 1950 Pleasant

Luncheon was served to a party of six ladies who came, in spite of the cold dull day, to enjoy the Inn as well as the food. Two members of the party were Chinese girls and they were blind. The others were all connected with or had been teachers at Perkins Institute. Miss Simons and Miss Havens were teachers there for thirty-five years, are now retired and living in South Sudbury. The two blind girls have been teaching in Canton and after two years at Perkins are now ready to go back to their native land but difficulties with their Nationalist passports are holding them up. They were very happy, however, and very much interested in "seeing" the Inn. When one was asked if she knew what pussywillows were, she laughed and said, "Oh, yes, I do now, but when I "saw" them for the first time I thought they were made of wool!"

Tuesday, April 4, 1950 Very warm

A pleasant lady this afternoon told of being here in April 1917, shortly after the beginning of the first World War. She remembered walking into the Parlor and seeing Sarah Bernhardt there, talking to Edward A. Filene. There were other interesting people in the room - all staying overnight. "And as I remember it," she said, "Sarah Bernhardt was talking a mile a minute". This is indeed an interesting contribution to our historical record. We have known that Mr. Filene was here frequently and was a close friend of Mr. Lemon, but this is the first time we have heard of Sarah Bernardt being a guest in the house. Perhaps she sat on the sofa once owned by another famous actress, Charlotte Cushman, and it may be that Mr. Lemon brought this fact to her attention. If only we could have been the proverbial fly on the wall!

Wednesday, April 5, 1950 Rain

In spite of rain and cloudy weather people are thinking of Easter and the telephone is ringing frequently these days and our reservations are beginning to pile up.

Rev. Arterton, house guest for two nights, after playing golf for the first time this season yesterday, is content to spend the day in-doors and work on his Easter sermon. Every now and then he comes down to the barroom to smoke his pipe by the fire. The hostesses and others are enjoying very much the box of delicious Whitman Sampler candies which he presented on arrival.

Mrs. Purdy and her guest, Miss Staples, had a wonderful time at the Sudbury Woman's Club meeting today when Mr. Coleman, the very talented artist of Sudbury, was the speaker. Mr. Coleman, whose painting of the Inn appeared in a recent issue of the Lincoln-Mercury Magazine, illustrated his talk by painting a landscape which was later sold at a very good price.

Thursday, April 6, 1950 Windy

The current Lincoln-Mercury Times is displaying a very lovely oil painting of the front of the Inn done by Loring Coleman, a Sudbury artist. We recall hot days last Summer when Mr. Coleman sat on the lawn dipping his brush into white paint and splashing it on his canvas to give the effect of snow on the ground. This puzzled all who looked over his shoulder, but today with Winter winds still blowing the Winter scene does not look quite as incongruous. And the red color of the Inn stands out effectively

Thursday, April 6, 1950 (continued)

against the snow. More, we think that Mr. Coleman has definitely caught the feeling of antiquity about the Inn which is seldom revealed in painting or photograph. Recently Mr. Coleman gave a painting demonstration for the Sudbury Women's Club which Mrs. Purdy and Miss Staples attended. It was like another lesson for Miss Staples who is studying Art one day a week with Mr. Coleman.

Friday, April 7, 1950 Pleasant

The coming of spring means the return of many things to the Inn. The door opens to greet the school groups, the many Chapel brides, who are always radiant and beautiful and last but by no means least, the ever-present tourists who come in private cars or in the Gray Line Sight Seeing Bus.

Today, a group of fifteen, arrived on the Gray Line Bus. While the group were enjoying luncheon, Mr. Johnson, the driver, told us an interesting story about a group he had driven to the Benson Animal Farm a few days before. The group consisted of the Coco-Cola King and six children from Atlanta, Georgia. The children, after winning a contest, were on a free trip to the Benson Animal Farm in search of a baby elephant to replace the recently departed elephant named "Coco"! It seems the Coco-Cola King always keeps four elephants. Their names are "Coco" - "Cola" Sparkle and"Refreshment."

Saturday, April 8, 1950 FAir - Cool

Tomorrow being Easter Sunday everyone at the Inn is busily engaged in putting everything in readiness for the Easter guests. Gay red tulips, yellow jonquils, pink and white carnations and dainty yellow daisies were in evidence throughout the Inn. All attractively arranged in bright colored Easter Baskets. Some with bunnies, lambs and colored eggs peeking out from behind the flowers.

The bunnies we expect will be admired by the children and the flowers enjoyed by the older folks.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of April 9, 1950 - April 15, 1950

Sunday, April 9, 1950 Pleasant

Easter Sunday and we were not at all neglected by Peter Cotton-tail. He made an early morning visit to the two overnight guest rooms on the second floor of the Inn and left there a tiny Easter basket filled with colored eggs. It was found by the Button children who have been guests here for the past few days. While eating Breakfast one of the hostesses announced to the children that the Easter bunny had just been here and left something for them. Cereal spoons were dropped from mid-air and the orange juice was left standing while the three young members of the Button family flew to their rooms. It wasn't long before they raced down the stairs to show Mother and Daddy what Peter Cotton-tail had left for them.

During the afternoon we were treated to an Easter Parade of our own. Easter bonnets which earlier in the day had appeared on fasionable Boylston Street in Boston were again shown off and admired in our dining rooms. The weather man did not cooperate very well, however, and most Easter suits were topped with heavy Winter coats.

Monday, April 10, 1950 Pleasant

The wedding of Miss Kathleen Kivkhan to Mr. Charles Marchand took place in Waltham this morning and at twelve o'clock noon the guests arrived at the Inn for the wedding breakfast. About seventy-five people sat down to the tables in the large dining room. At the head table where the bride and her attendants were seated, spring flowers in pastel shades made a colorful display as did the pale yellow gowns and blue flowers of the bridesmaids. Dancing in the large ball room followed until the bridal couple was ready to depart on their honeymoon.

Tuesday, April 11, 1950 Colder

School children are enjoying vacation periods and in one way or another are travelling around to see places of interest about which they can talk to their class-mates and teachers when school begins again. Some come on "bikes" and others in busses and a few just hike to the Wayside Inn. Today a large bus came from Wapping, Connecticut and deposited about thirty boys and girls at our front door. They were accompanied by their teacher, Miss Mary Connery who went along with them when being guided through the house.

One of the two Census takers for the town of Sudbury, Mrs. Gaughan, has been here and listed all the employees who are living on the property. She even asked the age question which some of the older ones were reluctant to answer but flattered when Mrs. Gaughan replied, "Why, I wouldn't believe it!"

Wednesday, April 12, 1950 Pleasant

Chaplain and Mrs. R. S. Hall and their small son, Paul, stopped for lunch and while waiting to be called the lively little boy, although not noisy, was very much in evidence. So the mother explained that they had just arrived from Japan a few days ago and the boy had been travelling on boats and planes and had seen and done many exciting things and it was very hard for him to settle down. After spending three years in Japan, Chaplain Hall, who is in the United States Army, is to be stationed at Fort Dix in New Jersey. Mrs. Hall said she enjoyed their stay in Japan very much, the country is lovely, but it was good to be home. Having travelled so extensively they were all most appreciative of the Wayside Inn.

Thursday, April 13, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shearley of Toledo, Ohio, spent Thursday night at the Inn. Mr. Shearley knew Mr. Ford very well and did business with the Ford Motor Company for many years. The concern with which he is still connected used to make parts for the Ford car in its very early stages. One day when a young man, he was told to go to Dearborn with a part which was to be shown at a committee meeting and voted upon. He dove the fifty miles in fifty three minutes when he entered the room where the men were waiting.

Thursday, April 13, 1950 (continued) Pleasant

Mr. Ford looked at the clock and said, "What kind of a car did you drive?" When Mr. Shearley told him it was a Model A, Mr. Ford said it was the only car that could have done it.

Friday, April 14, 1950 Pleasant

Several items have appeared in the newspapers recently which should be relayed to the Diary. The first concerns the house in Newburyport, Massachusetts which was occupied in the early 19th century by Timothy Dexter, better known as Lord Timothy Dexter. A very nice, old, colored print of this house is hanging in the Bar-room of the Inn and it attracts a good deal of attention. The newspaper item says that the house was scheduled to be auctioned off a few days ago but at the last minute the auction was cancelled and an agreement with a private purchaser was reached. The new owner was not named.

Another item of interest is an account of the new Memorial Forest and Wild Life Sanctuary which adjoins the Wayside Inn property and which formerly belonged to the Wayside Inn. About two hundred and seventy-seven acres were bought by the State Federation of Women's Clubs and have been set apart as a tribute to those who served in World War II. The dedication of this reservation will take place on Saturday, April 29th preceded by luncheon at the Wayside Inn.

The third report to interest us was a description of the wedding held in the Martha-Mary Chapel when Miss Mary Louise Bowman became the bride of Gordon C. Thomas. A very nice picture of the bride accompanied the newspaper account.

Saturday, April 15, 1950 Fair - Warm

This was a beautiful spring day in Sudbury town and the Inn welcomed many travelers.

Among them a young bridal couple who were married at the Martha-Mary Chapel at a seven o'clock ceremony and later partook of a wedding dinner in the Old Dining Room of the Inn. About twenty-five guests attended the marriage and dinner of Miss Jean Davis and Mr. Albert Peltier of Hudson, Massachusetts.

Saturday, April 15, 1950 (continued)

The table set for twenty-five was adorned with the bridal cake, which was placed in the center of the table, and banked with greens and pink rose buds. White tapers were used at either end of the table.

The bride in her white dress and pert bonnet, the bridal cake and flowers, all combined to make this a colorful bridal party.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of April 16 - 22, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, April 16, 1950 Pleasant

The last time Mr. J. Frank Edgar of New Bedford, Massachusetts came to the Inn he was a kind of second Paul Revere. It was fifty-three years ago and Mr. Edgar said that he had made the same trip that day as the famous patriot made on his midnight ride. Today Mr. Edgar came to the Inn as the honor guest in a small party to celebrate his birthday. He didn't say which one, but we presume it was up in the region of the seventies.

Mr. Israel Sack of New York was a dinner guest at noon time and pointed with pride to some of the furnishings which he put into the Inn at the time Mr. Ford took over. He is especially proud of the little Butterfly table with finely turned legs and made of curley maple. This, Mr. Sack says, is the smallest Butterfly table he has ever seen. He told of a visitor to his shop who claimed to have the "smallest Butterfly table in the World." When Mr. Sack showed him our table, the visitor admitted that he had made a grave error in his statement.

Monday, April 17, 1950 Pleasant

The approaching holiday can be sensed all around us as preparations for various events get under way. The great Marathon Race will start not very many miles to the south of us and great interest is evident in the winner who might be one of three Koreans who arrived recently from their native land to take part in this annual event. To the north of us Concord and Lexington are bristling with activity as the 19th approaches which will be the 175th anniversary of the battle which took place at the North Bridge in Concord. The public spirited citizens have arranged all kinds of celebrations lasting two or three days. One of them came in today to make a reservation for lunch wearing a cocked hat like Paul Revere.

Tuesday, April 18, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. Starr and Mr. Minot, two handsome students from Harvard, were recent dinner guests and informed us of their arrival here in a 1926 Model T. Ford, four-door sedan. It was dark when they left but we peeked out the window to catch a glimpse of their antiquated automobile. We could see it quite easily under the lamp post and had no difficulty at all in hearing it as the boys chugged down the main highway.

Another notable visitor of late was Professor Patrick Flood of New York who is the proud father of thirteen children. And he whispered in our ear that his dear wife may be chosen as the best Mother of the year 1950. By his own efforts he has made a name for himself in helping other young men and women to make their way. It seems he came to the United States from Ireland soon after World War One and began teaching and writing. He is now at the head of the Latin Department in the Theodore Roosevelt High School in New York and has done much to keep alive Irish Theatrical tradition by founding an Irish dramatic society. He writes a column for a well known Irish paper and has aided many young men in their desire to become priests. He has a son at near-by Weston Seminary.

Wednesday, April 19, 1950 Partly Cloudy

The usual holiday crowds flocked into the Inn on this one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Concord and Lexington were thronged with visitors and General Omar Bradley was the speaker of the day. Not a few of the Concord and Lexington visitors continued on to Sudbury and spent the remainder of the day at the Wayside Inn. About 2:30 o'clock seven bus loads of pretty girls arrived from the Endicott Junior College at Beverly, Massachusetts and they stayed for an hour or two looking around the house and grounds. We had a pre-view of Summer fashions, most of the girls being dressed in gay colored cottons with bright sports jackets and sweaters. We couldn't let the day pass without paying our respects to Colonel Ezekiel Howe who so courageously led the Sudbury minute men to Concord and returned to complete his duties as the third landlord of the Wayside Inn.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of April 16 - 22, 1950 inclusive

Thursday, April 20, 1950 Rain

Recent Guests

Dr. Sweet from West Hartford, Connecticut spent the night at the Inn on his way to a doctors' convention in Boston. Dr. Sweet is a frequent guest at the Inn and we always enjoy his wit and dry humor.

Mrs. O'Toole, the proprietor of a Florist Shop in Waltham, has spent several days at the Inn. Mrs. O'Toole takes a day or two off from her duties at the florist shop about every three months and always honors us with her presence.

The Gray Line bus brought six for lunch this noon, the driver being our old friend "George Pearson's" first trip to the Inn this season but we hope to see him many more times this summer.

Friday, April 21, 1950 Pleasant

Among our most appreciative visitors the McDonald family should be counted. Dr. and Mrs. F. C. McDonald and Michael and Susan, who live on Star Lane in Concord but very near the Sudbury line, always speak very enthusiastically of the Inn. The children have always considered it a treat to come here. Today, Mrs. McDonald brought Michael to lunch to celebrate two things, good behavior and his approaching tenth birthday. His sister Susan, her hair in two long braids was present today also. She likes old furniture and informed us she sleeps in a trundle bed. In fact both children do but Susan's is painted red.

This evening a dance was held from eight until twelve in the large ball room for seventy-five couples of high school age. The young ladies belonged to the order of Rainbow Girls in Worcester and looked very lovely in their soft flowing evening gowns.

Saturday, April 22, 1950 Pleasant

This lovely April day brought two Bridal Parties to the Inn.

The first in the form of a Wedding Breakfast served in the large Dining Room to a group of one hundred and fifty.

The bridal couple, Ensign and Mrs. Eugene F. Kelly, the bride being the former Jean M. Lynch of Maynard, were seated at the head table along with their bridal attendants.

The bride was gowned in pure white satin and carried white carnations. Her three attendants wore white frosted organdy with a cerise sash about the waist. They wore red carnations in their hair and carried red tulips and red carnations.

A towering white wedding cake was cut by the bride and dancing was enjoyed in the Ball Room.

A four o'clock wedding in the Martha-Mary Chapel united Miss Elizabeth Warner and Mr. Clarence Howard of West Newton.

A Buffet Tea followed in the large Ball Room for one hundred guests.

The bride was gowned in traditional white satin and carried a small, old-fashioned bouquet of white roses. Her attendants wore two-toned lavender taffeta gowns and carried lavender sweet peas. All made a beautiful picture against the white background of the Ball Room as they stood and received their guests.

THE WAYSIDE INN

DIARY

Week of April 23 - 29, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, April 23, 1950 Cloudy - Rain

While it was a cold, dismal day outside several old friends came to bring warmth and cheer into the old Inn. Among those with whom we chatted were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griffin from Connecticut, married in the Martha-Mary Chapel just one year ago today. They were both smiling from ear to ear and said they were very happy. They seemed to cherish greatly the memories of their wedding day in the lovely setting of the Chapel and Inn.

Another guest we remembered from way back, was Floyd Noyes, one-time student at the Boys School. He introduced his wife and proudly exhibited five-year old Barbara Jean. She was asked to count "as far as she could go". This was to ten - and then "eleven-teen!"

Mr. Gunn from New York also greeted us cordially. He was accompanied by two sons who are attending St. Mark's School. Mr. Gunn has been here as an overnight guest from time to time while attending various functions at the school.

Monday, April 24, 1950 Pleasant

Our house guests, the three Malings, left this morning for their home in Kennebunkport, Maine. They pass through here quite frequently on their way to and from their winter home in Florida so we feel well acquainted with them.

Towards the end of the day two groups of boys and girls from the Concord High School were shown through the house. We are having quite a few of these groups now and most of them are very much in earnest and bring pencils and paper with them so as to jot down anything they hear or see which might be of interest.

Tuesday, April 25, 1950 Pleasant

A very pleasant wedding anniversary dinner was held here this evening with four young people in attendance. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Howlett, he the minister of the Second Unitarian Church in Boston and their friends were from the Unitarian Church in Cambridge. All wore flowers, the men a white carnation and the women a more elaborate flower arrangement. They were seated in the old dining room and after

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dinner examined the house in detail. They are interested in old furniture and have collected some of it while in the country during the summer months. When leaving the women expressed their appreciation of a bit of rest and relaxation from home and family cares while the men said they felt relieved for a short time of strenuous parish duties.

Wednesday, April 26, 1950 Cloudy

The Wayside Inn-ers were proud today of their neighbor, Dr. Robert Gross, who was called in a newspaper item one of the nation's foremost surgeons. He operated today at the Children's Medical Center in Boston on the main artery of a patient's heart, replacing the artery with one taken from a dead man. It was a rare and dangerous feat, but the newspaper account tells us that the patient has so much confidence in his doctor that he expects to live a healthy and useful life after the operation.

The Gross residence is about a mile from the Inn on the Framingham road and was formerly the home of the Pearmain family. They built it to resemble an Italian villa after having spent some time in Italy. Now Dr. Gross and his fine family are enjoying the advantages of living in the country and we often see the doctor with his two daughters riding horseback over the Inn roads, getting some wonderful out-door exercise before breakfast.

Thursday, April 27, 1950 Fair - Cool

One hundred and fifty high school students from East Patterson, New Jersey, on a tour of New England, enjoyed an hour and a half stop at the Inn. All enjoyed seeing the house and stopped at the Bar to purchase books and postal cards. A Baked Ham Luncheon with our famous Baked Indian Pudding and Ice Cream dessert was served in the large Dining Room.

Friday, April 28, 1950 Pleasant

Mrs. Howard K. De Wolf, better known as Mrs. Bradbury, came to see us today with her husband recently acquired. They drove up from Warren, Rhode Island where they lived for many years, apart, though in the same town. Since their marriage they have been living happily together in the same house. "Mrs. Bradbury" as we still think of her, was head hostess here in 1931, beloved and admired by all. We are glad that life has been kind to her at last.

The death of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Dana appears in this morning's paper. Funeral services will be private at Craigie House where he has lived for many years. Some interesting facts about him are contained in the article: He was the author of several books on the theatre and on famous members of his family. Recently he had been writing three books simultaneously, a history of Craigie House, a history of the Dana family and a biography of his great-uncle, Washington Allston. One of his brothers, Allston Dana, was the designer of the George Washington bridge in New York.

Saturday, April 29, 1950 Rain

Two hundred and tenty-five members of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs met at the Inn today for luncheon and for the dedication of a Memorial Forest and Wild Life Sanctuary in tribute to those who served in World War II. The tract of land, formerly part of the Wayside Inn Estate, is situated about two miles from the Inn on Dutton Road.

Following the luncheon and a portion of the exercises which were held in the Inn, the group adjourned to the Forest where the Presentation of the Reservation was given by Mrs. Edmund I. Wilson. At this time a large boulder was unveiled at the entrance of the memorial forest reservation containing a bronze plaque which read

"Memorial Forest Reservation
and
Wild Life Sanctuary
Established in grateful tribute to
Those who served in
World War II
by the
Massachusetts State Federation
of Women's Clubs."

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of April 30 - May 6, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, April 30, 1950 Pleasant

Two special events took place today. The first was a wedding in the Chapel at three o'clock when Joan A. Gordan of Waltham became the bride of Charles M. Goodale. About one hundred guests were in attendance and after the ceremony went to the bride's home where a reception was held.

In the meantime Miss Betty Timmins and Mr. Donald Dohany were being married in Waltham and after the ceremony came to the Inn where a reception was held in the large Ball room for about sixty-five friends and relatives. The Buffet table was prettily decorated with greens and lighted tapers and Chicken Salad, Ice Cream and wedding cake were served.

This is Sophomore Father's week-end at Wellesley College and several young ladies with their beloved parents have been noticed among our guests. One father, Mr. Rausch from New York, has been staying in the Garden room. He left this morning saying that he must wend his lonely, weary way back home. Evidently he enjoyed very much the social activities and good fellowship which Wellesley College provides each year for the fathers of Sophomore students.

Monday, May 1, 1950 Rain - Cold

The weather is anything but what one would expect for May Day but, in spite of the cold and rain, children will make their pretty little baskets and hang them on peoples' doors. In some instances candy will have to take the place of flowers although the forsythia and daffodils are out and will compensate for the lack of other flowers by their bright, cheery yellow.

A guest from Philadelphia informed us today that when her daughter was twelve years old her mother baked a birthday cake for her and she had many presents, among them a box of note paper. The next day in the Philadelphia papers appeared an account of a birthday celebrated at the White House for the President's father, John Coolidge. A description of a cake made by the White House chef and elaborately decorated, was given.

Monday, May 1, 1950 (continued)

The little girl, Dorothy by name, thought she would like to write a letter, using her new stationary to the elderly gentleman whose birthday came on the same day as hers, and tell him about her cake. One of her most precious keepsakes now that she is a grown-up lady, is the letter she received from John Coolidge. He said his cake was a very fine one but he thought hers was much nicer because it had been made by her mother.

Tuesday, May 2, 1950 Pleasant

About twenty pupils of the fifth grade from one of the Natick schools visited the Inn this morning and were escorted through the rooms by Mrs. Flint. She reports good behavior and no lack of interest in the house and its history and furnishings.

The house was practically filled tonight with overnight guests and among them the Reverend Charles R. Joy who has done a great deal of work in Europe with the CARE organization and with the rehabilitation of refugees. He spent a month last Summer with the great medical missionary in Africa, Albert Sweitzer, and will embark for Europe again the first of June. Mr. Joy spoke of the three men considered the great saints of the World, Sweitzer, Ghandi and Kagawa.

Wednesday, May 3, 1950 Pleasant

Miss Riggs, who comes to spend a few days at the Inn from time to time, was here last night with her two sisters and after Breakfast gave us a list of the birds she had either seen or heard since she first woke up this morning.

Phoebe	Field Sparrow
Meadow Lark	Purple Finch
Redwing Blackbird	Tree Swallow
Robin	Crow
Song Sparrow	Blue Jay

Wednesday, May 3, 1950 (continued)

Miss Riggs is always an entertaining person to have around and she further entertained us by telling a story about a hunting party in Africa. She said that the native guides were lagging behind and when the head guide was asked why his men were sitting down on the job, the dark-skinned African replied "Why, they are waiting for their souls to catch up with their bodies." Miss Riggs gave this as an example of the necessity for rest, which everyone needs in this fast moving, tiresome World of today.

Thursday, May 4, 1950 Fair - Warm

Eighty members of the Tufts College Women's Club gathered in the large Dining Room of the Inn this noon and partook of a Chicken Pie luncheon. Several speakers and a short business meeting followed the luncheon.

Mrs. D'Olive, the new owner of the Hager House, entertained Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Temple at Tea this afternoon.

A luncheon guest this noon, namely Miss Evelyn L. Langley from Rockport, Massachusetts, stopped at the Bar to talk with the Hostess and also to leave her card which read:

"Evelyn's Studio"
Build in 1804
Paintings, Antique Glass and China
Handmade Silver Jewelry
Hand-Blocked Linens
Classes in Drawing and Painting"

Friday, May 5, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. Charles Way, better known as "Brother" Way is cutting the grass, an amazing sight! This is the first time it has been green enough or long enough to cut. There are other signs of spring, the arrival of several purple finches and we think, the same phoebe, using the same nest as last year.

Friday, May 5, 1950 (continued)

year. Johnny-Jump-Ups are just appearing in the old-fashioned garden and almost every day Mr. Purdy takes a small bunch to put in a miniature vase, to Mrs. Purdy in the hospital recovering from an operation. Everyone is delighted that Mrs. Purdy is getting along so well and that she will be coming home the latter part of next week.

A luncheon guest giving her name as Miss MacDonald turned out to be the glamorous Jeanette of concert stage and movie fame. What is more, she and her party of four will spend two nights with us. She is giving a concert in Worcester Saturday night and, finding the hotels there very noisy, was glad to find the peace and quiet of the Wayside Inn. She watched the children go through two singing quadrilles and seemed to enjoy it very much applauding loudly when they finished.

Saturday, May 6, 1950 Very Warm

Mrs. Harold Keller of Newtonville arranged a luncheon for twenty-two representatives of the State Mothers and is to be held this noon in the Old Dining Room of the Inn.

The Old Kitchen became the scene of a small engagement party this evening. Mrs. William Byrne of Holliston planned dinner for her daughter, the bride-to-be, and twelve members of the Bridal Party. Bright spring flowers adorned the center of the table and corsages were presented to the ladies in the party.

A Turkey Dinner was enjoyed by all followed by group singing and games.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of May 7 - 13, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, May 7, 1950 Pleasant

The house was filled with overnight guests last night and after Breakfast this morning there was the usual hustle and bustle. Bags were packed while father drove the car around to the front door. The bill was paid and maps examined. Farewells were said. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Evans of Kittery Point, Maine, announced that they were celebrating their nineteenth wedding anniversary. They came to the Inn on their honeymoon. Today they will stop at Simmons College to see their Freshman daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Coates of the Coates Thread family were planning a day's outing with their son, a student at the Fay School in Southboro. With three fellow-students, the Coates were bound for the Ball game at Fenway Park. Later in the day they will all celebrate young Coates' birthday by eating a very large cake, baked and decorated in our kitchen especially for the occasion.

Monday, May 8, 1950 Pleasant

About thirty children from the 5th Grade of the Parkhurst School in Winchester arrived at 11:00 this morning and were shown through the house. This is the time of year for such groups and sometimes we have as many as three in one day, all eager to see and hear about the Wayside Inn.

Robins, bluebirds, warblers and red-winged blackbirds have been fairly common sights recently and now the orioles are here. Every so often during the day their liquid tones are heard. From the Treadwell room window one can look down into a robin's nest in the crotch of one of the big trees. It is interesting to watch the mother bird smoothing down the inside with her wings.

Tuesday, May 9, 1950 Pleasant

A very pretty luncheon party was held on the Porch this noon by a group of twenty-one ladies from Arlington, Massachusetts under the direction of Mrs. Morton Bradley. Fresh asparagus was a timely and delectable addition to the luncheon menu which included Creamed Chicken in patty shell and a choise of delicious desserts. The table was arranged in the center of the porch and was decorated with bright and colorful garden flowers. After the last mouthful, a meeting was held which lasted until nearly four o'clock.

Tuesday, May 9, 1950 (continued)

In the evening the Old Kitchen was the scene of a dinner party arranged by studentsof Boston University to honor Chaplain Stanley H. Martin, who is leaving the University to take charge of the Methodist Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

Wednesday, May 10, 1950 Pleasant

At ten o'clock this morning we were visited by a group of thirty-four children from the Charles River School in Dover, Massachusetts. They were accompanied by mothers and teachers and proved to be an exceedingly bright group of children. They listened attentively to every word spoken by the hostess who guided them through the Inn and from beginning to end they behaved like little ladies and gentlemen. Next came a group of forty children from the Sudbury schools, who were equally interested in the house. Their teacher, Miss Adams, is well aware of the importance of bringing the children from this historic town to see the Wayside Inn.

The Home Decorators, Inc. of Newark, New York entertained fifty business associates in the large dining room this noon when a Chicken Fricassee luncheon was served. Guests were seated at a U shaped table in front of the fireplace and a generous display of flowers made the party a very festive occasion.

Thursday, May 11, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. Way from Sudbury is here again this year planting and making the Old-Fashioned Garden most attractive. Jonquils, forsythia and tulips are in evidence now. The tulips are especially lovely this year. Many are a deep red with white edges, with a few red and white in the double variety. They are greatly admired by all who visit the Inn.

Fifty students from the Newton Schools enjoyed a tour of the Inn this afternoon. Fifty of our "Letter Booklets" containing the history of the Inn were purchased by the tour director and presented to each child.

Friday, May 12, 1950 Pleasant

The rest of the tree, part of which blew down on Sunday, is being chopped down and the men from Bartletts' can be seen high up in the air sawing off the smaller branches. They tell us the tree was over 150 years old.

We are very pleased to have another picture of Mr. Ford to hang in the front hall. In this one the pose is more informal and more natural as he leans against an old wooden pump.

Mrs. Purdy came back from the hospital today. Mr. Purdy says she is delighted to be home but it will be a few days yet before she can come to the Inn.

About lunch time the fire siren rang and the fire engine went off up the road towards the Mill with all the available men on board. It soon came back, however, this time the fire was quickly extinguished.

Saturday, May 13, 1950 Fair - Cold

The countryside is beginning to burst forth with apple blossoms and by next week-end they will be in their full glory. Tomorrow being Mother's Day we decided to pick some of these lovely blooms for the Inn dining rooms. They were used throughout the Inn and were indeed a beautiful sight to behold.

Among our dinner guests this evening came Mr. and Mrs. Bowker. We have not seen them for many months and it was so nice to greet them once again. Mrs. Bowker has brought us many lovely roses in the past from her gardens and reports they are doing nicely this year.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of May 14 - 20, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, May 14, 1950 Pleasant

This was Mother's Day and it brought over five hundred dinner guests to the Wayside Inn. The day started with a Breakfast for the Bell family, a party of ten with both grandmothers present and several tiny tots, one being carried in a large basket. At noon time the "crush" began and lasted all through the afternoon and into the evening. Many mothers were given a rest from the usual preparation of Sunday dinner at home in the family kitchen and enjoyed the flavor of "someone else's" cooking." It made a pleasant change to be waited upon, too.

One of the last parties to be served was that under the name of Ducommon. They were five in number and chose the Old Kitchen as the setting for their Mother's day observance. The red table cloth was used on the trestle table and in the cool of the evening a cheery fire burned on the hearth. These mid-Westerners were entranced with the charm of old New England as they ate their dinner and said that as long as they lived they would never forget Mother's Day in 1950.

Monday, May 15, 1950 Cloudy

Rain threatened all day but did not actually fall. About sixty children came to see the house, braving the cloudy skies, one large group from Fitchburg and another smaller one from nearby Hopedale. Sometimes the hostesses receive very nice letters from these children written by a member of the class. Patty Bruno, Grade 5 of the Parkhurst School in Winchester writes:

> "Our class had a very nice time visiting the Inn. It was nice of you to explain things so clearly to us. The thing that I liked best was the sleigh bed. Its beautiful. In our classroom we are making poems, stories and pictures of the Wayside Inn. We wish you could see them. Thank you very much."

Tuesday, May 16, 1950 Cloudy

We enjoyed meeting a distinguished musician this afternoon. She was Lois Sears from Toronto, Canada who plays the Zither Harp, an instrument used in Elizabethan times and upon which many of the old Shakespearian ballads were played. Mrs. Sears is also a Mezzo-Soprano and recently gave a concert at Gore Place in Waltham sponsored by the Radcliffe College Club. She has also appeared in the Government House, Nassau, Bahamas under the patronage of the British governor and, of course, has given several concerts in Canada, one in the Toronto Art Gallery. We were introduced to Mrs. Sears by Dr. and Mrs. Roy Morse of Wellesley Hills who met her while vacationing last winter in Nassau.

Wednesday, May 17, 1950 Warm

This beautiful warm day with sun shining brightly, brought many visitors to the Inn. The first to arrive were a group of eager school children from Concord, who enjoyed the grounds, which are so beautiful now, as well as the house.

This evening a small group of ladies had a lovely dinner on the Porch. It was a surprise Birthday celebration for one of the guests and when dinner was completed she was presented with a festive birthday cake upon which was written with white icing, "Happy Birthday, Eleanor".

Thursday, May 18, 1950 Showers

Mrs. O'Toole from Waltham has spent several nights at the Inn. She breaks away from her florist shop about once a month to"catch her breath", she explains.

The lilacs are in full bloom today and we at the Inn as well as our guests are enjoying them to the fullest.

Mr. W. A. Nical from Boston brought a group of thirty-five Salvation Army officials to dinner this evening. The group was seated on the Porch and partook of a Roast Turkey dinner. A short business meeting and a speaker concluded the evening's entertainment.

Friday, May 19, 1950 Rain

Mr. Manning Hawthorne of North Woodstock, Connecticut, came again today and again said he did not like the picture of his great-grandfather, Nathaniel, which hangs in the front hall. No one has criticized it before. It does show him as an older man but he has a very kindly expression. When Mr. Hawthorne ~~sheed~~ showed us the one he brought with him today, however, wewere tempted to change our mind. It is a photgraph of a sketch and depicts Nathaniel Hawthorne as a very young man with wavy hair and deep set eyes. The original portrait was done in crayon by Eastman Johnson in 1846 for Longfellow and hangs in his study at Craigie House in Cambridge.

Saturday, May 20, 1950 fair - warm

Thirty-three ladies from Wellesley, under the direction of Mrs. Allan Miller were seated on the Porch this noon and enjoyed a luncheon consisting of soup - poached haddock, with lobster sauce, and our famous Baked Indian Pudding with Ice Cream.

Thirty-two very young ladies, ranging in age from ten to thirteen years of age were served Afternoon refreshments on the Porch. The young set were appropriately dressed for the occasion in freshly starched party dresses, gloves and, of course, a flower be-decked bonnet.

Tuesday, May 23, 1950 Pleasant

Another lovely Spring day and the house filled with people charmed with the great out-of-doors and finding the Wayside Inn a pleasant country retreat. Among our many guests today were a number of Baptist ministers attending the Northern Baptist convention in Boston. A group of eighteen Girl Scouts who had saved their pennies for an outing at the end of the Scout season, came for luncheon and a trip through the house. They were accompanied by four adults and enjoyed a delicious meal served on the Porch. At the close of the day when long shadows stole across the closely clipped lawn, Dr. and Mrs. Lyman Richards came gaily up the front walk and turned to the right for a stroll in the garden. Later when they appeared in the house at dinner time they announced that they were celebrating their twenty-fifth Wedding anniversary. They spent their wedding night here just twenty-five years ago. This called for special recognition of some sort, so a small bouquet of garden flowers were plucked from the Inn garden and placed on the Anniversary table. After dinner, Mrs. Richards wrapped them carefully in tissue paper and took them home. Dr. Richards is a member of Professor Schell's group and it so happened that Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, he another member of the Professor's group, were also dining here this evening. This made the Richards' celebration even more interesting and festive. It was one of those informal occasions which turned out better than one previously planned.

Wednesday, May 24, 1950 Cloudy - Showers

It certainly was a dreary day. The sky was hazy and full of clouds, trying to make up its mind whether it would rain or not. A few light showers fell towards late afternoon.

We had our usual bus load of people brought by the Grey Line. Among the group were three charming young girls from Hawaii, who were simply fasinated with the collection of antiques.

The Northern Baptist Convention in Boston has brought many ministers and their friends to the Inn.

There was a very interesting guest this evening for dinner. A man named Douglas Moore, who brought his wife to the Inn. He told us he used to go to the Boys School here fifteen years ago and still remembers the dancing classes in the Ball Room.

Thursday, May 25, 1950 Fair - Cool

A recent Baptist Convention in Boston brought many sight seers to the Inn and among them Rev. Clarke from Peru, Indiana. Rev. Clarke and his wife were very friendly and chatted with the Hostess at the Bar. Peru, Indiana, explained Rev. Clarke, is famous only as the birth place of Cole Porter, the famous song writer. The original "Old-Fashioned Garden" about which Cole Porter wrote his first song is in Peru, Indiana. Rev. Clarke went on to say that Cole Porter's mother is a member of the First Baptist Church of which Rev. Clarke is the pastor.

Friday, May 26, 1950 Cold - Cloudy

Mr. Laval, Mr. Rasquin, Mr. Suttell and Mr. Ries are four foreigners who came to this country to do business with the National Battery Company in Marlboro. They all registered from the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York except Mr. Rasquin, who gave Brussels, Belgium as his home address. They spent several nights here leaving early each morning with their brief cases for a day of business. In between serious conversations they took time to ask questions about the Inn and to buy folders and post cards.

Saturday, May 27, 1950 Cloudy

A wedding Breakfast for a party of twelve was planned in the Old Kitchen for Miss Carter and her party from Brookline. A white table cloth was spread and adorned with a three-tier white wedding cake banked with greens, pink rose buds and white sweet peas.

The bride wore an ankle-length pink organdie dress and carried white roses. She wore a matching pink hat and pink satin shoes. Her bridal attendant was gowned in an identical dress of pale blue organdie and carried yellow roses.

The bride cut her wedding cake and the couple left in a shower of confetti on their wedding trip.

THE WAYSIDE INN DAIRY

Week of May 28 - June 3, 1950 incl.

Sunday, May 28, 1950 Pleasant

Over one hundred and eighty women attending the meetings of the General Federation of Womens Clubs in Boston, boarded Gray Line busses for a sight-seeing tour this morning ending with luncheon at the Wayside Inn. This being Sunday, the women were served a typical New England Sunday dinner consisting of Roast Turkey and all the fixens. They moved into the large dining room slowly and quietly and after looking through the rooms of the Inn bought books and post cards to send "back home". They were from western, southern and middle-western states and for many this was their first visit in New England. Here they found the real New England atmosphere which they were seeking and expressed their appreciation of a most enjoyable time at the Wayside Inn.

Monday, May 29, 1950 Cloudy

Out of the morning's heavy skies a cold rain fell in the afternoon and in front of the bar room fireplace was a favorite spot for our guests, especially those who stayed overnight. After breakfast, a young couple, the Millers from Providence, Rhode Island, asked if they might stay another night. They were intending to go home but Mrs. Miller said, "We like it so well here that although we both have appointments this afternoon in Providence which we have to keep, we would like to come back here if you can take us." The young people were very much pleased when told this would be possible.

Tuesday, May 30, 1950 Cloudy

Cloudy skies and a wet drizzle most of the day made this an unpleasant holiday for those who wanted to travel or eat "out" or spend the day in the country. Consequently the usual "crush" of holiday guests was lacking.

Two ladies, well known in the field of art, have been recent guests. Mrs. Henry Heineman of Garden City, Long Island, New York is an expert in flower arrangements. Her particular ability is to arrange flowers in antique containers.

Tuesday, May 30, 1950 (continued)

Consequently she was interested in the flower arrangements here and couldn't resist the temptation to change the position of one little flower in one of our little pewter bowls. The other lady came bursting into the Bar-room and greeted us like an old friend. She was Joy Buba of Huntington, Long island, an able sculptress and artist who exhibits her work in New York and spends the Summer months in New England. She stopped here last year on her way north and dropped in this year just to say "Hello".

Wednesday, May 31, 1950 Pleasant

Light showers fell and it was dreary most of the forenoon. The afternoon brought the sun out and made things very warm and pleasant.

Today the Gray Line brought a lovely family from Honolulu, Hawaii, Dr. and Mrs. Wlohta and their two darling children Bonnie and Carol. It was Carol's birthday, so for a present her mother bought her a Mary Lamb book. Carol loved it, and hurried quickly to the bus to show everyone her birthday present. The people on the bus, too, were enthused about the book. They sent Carol back to the Inn several times to buy them a copy of the Mary Lamb book. She was a fine little salesman and sold nine copies in all.

Thursday, June 1, 1950 Rain

One hundred and fourteen students and faculty members from the Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster were scheduled to have dinner at the Inn this evening. Following the dinner, the faculty members said a few words to the Graduating Class and the evening was concluded with group singing.

A seven o'clock wedding was planned at the Martha-Mary Chapel this evening for Miss Marjorie Nichols and Mr. Maynard of Marlboro, Massachusetts.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a lovely white organdie gown. She wore a finger tip veil caught to a crown of orange blossoms and carried a white prayer book with a single white orchid. Three bridal attendants were gowned in pink and lime green organdy and carried sweet peas.

Thursday, June 1, 1950 (continued)

A reception followd at the home of the bride in Marlborough.

Friday, June 2, 1950 Sunny - Warm

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn came to see their daughter graduate from Walnut Hill School in Wellesley today and returned to the Inn in the evening to spend the night. Nancy Jane had been given some lovely presents but there was one which seemed to be a great embarassment to the whole family. This was an innocent little black Irish setter puppy. Mr. Dunn explained they already had a dog at home and did not want another. They treated him very kindly, however, and when told he would have to spend the night in the boiler room went down to see that he would be comfortably fixed. In the morning the problem was solved. One of the Kitchen help said he would take the dog, where-upon he became the proud possessor of a most appealing and lovable puppy.

Saturday, June 3, 1950 Pleasant

The Gray Line brought a group of fifty-six to Luncheon this noon. The ladies, all members of a Christian Science Convention, being held in Boston, enjoyed luncheon in the large Dining Room of the Inn.

Miss Ruth Thulin of Worcester, Massachusetts was married at a three o'clock service in the Martha-Mary Chapel today.

Moving pictures were taken and a receiving line was held on the Inn lawn. A Buffet Tea for about fifty guests followed in the small Ball Room.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of June 4 - 10, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, June 4, 1950 Partly Cloudy

The old Inn was bubbling with gaiety and laughter today. Sweet girl graduates were seen everywhere and following them around were handsome young men and proud parents. They planned to eat "together" so several large tables to accommodate fifteen or more were set up in the large dining room. The girls were fasinating and pretty and dressed in the latest fashion and happy as larks to be free of scholastic cares - at least temporaily. Most of them have just finished preparatory school and will go on to College next Fall. Dana Hall and Walnut Hill schools in Wellesley were well represented.

Monday, June 5, 1950 Cold and Sunny

The nights are still cold enough so that fires in the fireplaces are necessary. During the day it gets warmer so that the front door can be opened with comfort.

The Alumnae of Wellesley College gathered today from all over the country. Some of them stayed at the Inn among them were Mrs. Coates and her mother, Mrs. Millikin from New York. There was much reminiscing about Wellesley in the Bar room after breakfast this morning and it was discovered that this was the 50th Anniversary for Mrs. Millikin, the liveliest and wittiest of them all.

The members of the Millwood Hunt often ride through the Inn grounds with their horses and dogs. Today one of the younger members, Miss Hall, brought a notice of their final round-up which will be a Horse Show to be held at Raceland in Framingham. Four members of the Inn staff have been invited to this event.

Tuesday, June 6, 1950 Pleasant

Thirty boys and girls of High School age arrived for luncheon this noon from Uncasville, Connecticut. Uncasville is near New London and the trip was one of historical interest for the graduating class. They saved pennies and chartered a bus and were full of excitement when they reached here. Luncheon, consisiting of Baked Ham was served in the large Dining Room. Of course, there was ice cream for dessert.

Tuesday, June 6, 1950 (continued)

Later in the afternoon, the Martha-Mary Chapel was the scene of a wedding when Margaret Gessner of Worcester became the bride of Mr. G. A. Soderberg. A reception for about fifty guests followed in the small Ball Room of the Inn. This was prettily decorated with bright colored Spring flowers, and the wedding cake added to the attractive appearance of the room until the bride picked up a silver cake knife and cut the proverbial "first" piece.

Wednesday, June 7, 1950 Hot

Today it continued to be hot and humid as it has been for the last few days.

This morning a group of thirty-three enthusiastic girl scouts from Weston, came to visit the Inn and grounds.

Recently, Paul Farmer, a former Wayside Inn School boy and his wife and two-year old son came to the Inn for an early morning breakfast. He and his family are visiting friends in Framingham and thought it would be nice to renew old acquaintances at Wayside. Everyone was pleased to see him and learn that he was now living in Maryland and working just outside of Washington, D. C.

Thursday, June 8, 1950 Fair - Hot

The past three days have been unseasonably warm and today the temperature zoomed up again to the upper nineties. Despite the extreme heat, the Inn welcomed many luncheons guests this noon. Among them came Mr. Guernsey Frost from Concord, Massachusetts. Mr. Frost entertained sixteen business associates at luncheon in the Old Dining Room.

The luncheon today concluded a series of three luncheons given by Mr. Frost who always chooses for his guests our very delicious Roast Beef luncheon.

Friday, June 9, 1950 Very Warm

Yesterday's temperature was in the 90's and today was just as warm. It was very warm for the dancing class which was dismissed a few minutes early. This was Mr. Haynes' first class since his illness about three weeks ago.

Some of the Stock family arrived today for the wedding of Ann Stock which will take place on Monday, They drove from Roeley River, Ohio, Mrs. Stock holding her daughter's wedding gown on her knees all the way. It was a beautiful gown, lace over tulle, and she didn't want anything to happen to it.

A picture of the Wayside Inn appeared today in the Jack Pot, a contest which appears every day in the Boston Post. One clue is given besides the picture and it was "No Smoking Allowed". All day the phone kept ringing and people kept asking us about the no smoking. No one guessed it, however, and it will appear again in tomorrow's Post.

Saturday, June 10, 1950 Fair - Warm

Miss Stock, who is planning to be married in the Martha-Mary Chapel on Monday, gave a luncheon this noon for twenty-five members of the family and bridal party.

Also, this noon ninety-five guests at the Doran-Cunningham wedding luncheon, were seated in the large Dining Room, where the bridal couple received their guests and cut the traditional wedding cake.

At five o'clock, Miss Elizabeth Bradway and Mr. Warren W. Lee received one hundred and fifteen guests at a reception held in the large Ball room of the Inn. A Buffet Tea was served while appropriate music was rendered by Mr. Lyndall Rogers and a wedding cake was cut and served.

Following this wedding the Ball room was cleared and made the setting for a Graduation Dance. The group from Worcester consisted of about one hundred young people.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of June 11 - 17, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, June 11, 1950 Pleasant

No wonder June is the month for brides and sweet girl graduates! In June the sun smiles, the sky puts on its best blue cloak and the air is balmy and warm enough for pretty, fluffy dresses. Such were worn today by the many girls from Wellesley College who dined with us. They will graduate tomorrow morning and here to see them receive their diplomas are parents and friends and brothers and sisters. We had the fun of escorting them into the dining room - large groups of fifteen and twenty - and then to hear their gay chatter and joyous laughter. The fathers divided the total bill while the mothers, looking almost as young as the graduates, expressed their appreciation of a good dinner and charming atmosphere. They have come from far and wide and we are indeed fortunate to have contributed something of interest and pleasure to this memorable occasion.

Monday, June 12, 1950 Sunny - Cold

A beautiful "rare" June day for the Stock wedding to which we have allbeen keyed up for many days. Miss Dorothy Stock of Rocky River, Ohio was married to Mr. Charles Freeman of Springfield, Massachusetts at the Chapel. Over one hundred guests enjoyed the buffet tea served in the large ball room while Mr. Rogers and his orchestra played appropriate music in the background. The bride's gown has been described previously and she looked very charming in it. She called it her "dream dress". The four maids of honor deserve to be mentioned. They wore white eyelet embroidery dresses over lavender slips with wide sashes tied in huge bows and slippers of the same lovely shade. They carried flat bouquets of blue delphinium with yellow flowers for contrast and wore coronets of the same in their hair.

A young married couple, the Tracys, who always come at least once a year on their wedding anniversary, dropped in for breakfast this morning. Mrs. Tracy was going to attend some activities of her class at Wellesley and looked very young and girlish, dressed in white with a beautiful white orchid, a surprise gift from her still devoted husband.

Tuesday, June 13, 1950 Pleasant

We said good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Stock and Grandmother Stock Around noon-time and then prepared for the luncheon at one o'clock for wives of Naval Officers stationed at the Boston Navy Yard. They were seated on the Porch and enjoyed stuffed Tomato Salad and Indian Pudding. There were thirty-five ladies under the direction of Mrs. Paul Cronk. Next we were invaded by two hundred and thirty ladies who came by bus to wander around the house and grounds and to have tea at three o'clock. This was a group from all over America, here in Boston to attend a convention with their husbands who are holding meetings while their women-folk see the historical sights of Boston and vicinity. A long Buffet Table was spread in the large Ball-room and the two hundred and thirty women filed by it to receive assorted sandwiches and fancy cakes. Hot coffee was popular, too, and after that a glass of Punch. They thought the house and grounds were lovely and the food delicious, according to Mrs. Anne Baker Love who was in charge.

Wednesday, June 14, 1950 Pleasant - Cool

This lovely day brought eighty luncheon guests. Mrs. McNally from Hudson brought her class of children to see the Inn. They were exceptionally well behaved and had a grand time touring the Inn.

Also this noon we had a sweet little girl, Mary Ann, and her baby brother Johnny, who, of course, were accompanied by their parents. Johnny was in his car bed in the Bar Room. Mr. Coulter and Mary Ann became real friends. Mr. Coulter took Mary Ann on a personally conducted tour of the Inn. Mary Ann liked the little black lamb, which we use as a door stop in the Old Kitchen the best. Mr. Coulter is wonderful with children and Mary Ann was very fond of him.

Thursday, June 15, 1950 Warm

Recent Guests

Several so-called "Old Timers" have stopped at the Inn for luncheon this week. Miss Nelson paid us two visits this week on her way between Boston and her brother's home in Northboro. Miss Howland and Mrs. Fisher, who, so far as we can gather, spend most of their time travelling through New England. Mr. and Mrs. Manter and Mr. and Mrs. McConnell also honored us with their presence this week.

Friday, June 16, 1950 Sunny

Due to the illness of Mrs. Bennett and the fact that Mrs. Tallant, her substitute, could not teach today, there was no school for the Mary Lambers and therefore, no dancing class. In fact school will close this week on that account, although the picnic will take place on Tuesday as planned, to the great delight of Mrs. Purdy, who always goes with them.

Saturday, June 17, 1950 Fair - Cool

A wedding breakfast planned for a group of fifty, was held this morning in the large Dining Room for Miss Marion Sheridan and Mr. Donald Hanson of Maynard, Massachusetts.

Max Thatcher, a Professor at the University of Connecticut and his bride to be, Miss Mary Lynch, drove to Sudbury today and were united in marriage at the Martha-Mary Chapel, by Rev. Copp of Sudbury. Following the ceremony, the group of five enjoyed luncheon on the Porch, at the Inn.

A second Chapel wedding took place at four o'clock this afternoon. Again Rev. Copp of Sudbury officiated at the ceremony and united Miss Marian Easter and Mr. Fred Paulson of Worcester, Massachusetts in marriage.

Mr. Bertis Brown of Boston arranged a dinner party for fifteen M.I.T. Alumni of the Class of 1905. They were seated at one table in the Old Dining Room and all had a rollicking good time.

A candle-light service at the Martha-Mary Chapel was planned for Miss Shirley MacGregar and Mr. William A. Brittain. A Buffet Tea followed the ceremony in the large Ball room of the Inn. Seventy-five friends and relatives gathered to extend their congratulations to the bridal couple.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of June 18 - 24, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, June 18, 1950 Pleasant

As the seasons change so our guests change. We are in the transitory period between Spring and Summer and our guests are changing from serious Winter and Spring activities to the pleasures of Summertime. We are saying good-bye to neighboring families as they leave for Summer cottages at the seashore. On the other hand we are greeting visitors from the West and South who have started vacation tours through New England. Soon the friendly neighbors will have been completely replaced by throngs of our-of-state visitors. In September the scene changes again. The neighbors come back and the tourists go. Today we bid farewell to the Bucke family who are going to Cape Cod for the vacation period. The children were all smiles as they shook hands and skipped down the front walk.

Mr.Andy Palmer from Dearborn, Michigan was here today and told us about his new Military Inn. He left several booklets with information and pictures and we have enjoyed reading about his famous eating place with its rare collection of guns and pistols. He said he had been here once before and knew Mr. Ford well.

Monday, June 19, 1950 Cold - Rain

Two groups of children were shown through the house this morning. One group was from Wellesley, the other, made up of Grades 3 and 4, was from Berlin, Massachusetts and the young teacher in charge was Mrs. Plummer, better known as Norma Gardner who waited on table here all last summer. All the children were attentive and well behaved, but Norma's little ones were outstanding.

The American Express Company will be coming every Monday through October 15th and the first group of twenty-seven arrived today. The same menu will be served each time, Chicken Pie topped off with the Cocoanut Layer Cake which seems to be a favorite with this particular Tour.

Tuesday, June 20, 1950 Pleasant

The Porch was the setting this evening for a very pleasant Birthday party given for Mr. Fitts of Framingham who has been one of our regular guests for many years. Very often Mr. Fitts comes to the Inn with his two tall sons and their wives and always the grandchildren come too. Tonight one long table was arranged for fourteen and in addition to children and grandchildren there were several old and dear friends. Mrs. Flint placed a beautiful dish of garden flowers in the center of the table and lighted two tapers to give the table a more festive appearance. Just as daylight was beginning to fade away, a large Birthday cake was brought in and cut by the guest of honor. We felt privileged to have shared in this 80th anniversary event and think the Inn was indeed honored as the chosen place for it.

Wednesday, June 21, 1950 Pleasant and Cool

With light showers early this morning, the day looked rather dreary, but towards noon a cool breeze filled the air and it remained pleasant for the rest of the day.

The regular Grey Line brought thirty luncheon guests at noon time. Later in the afternoon the Gray Line came with a special sight seeing tour. They were a group of thirty Kappa Alpha Theta ladies who are having their 39th bi-annual convention at the New Ocean House in Swampscott. They enjoyed the tour through the Inn and because most of the women were from various parts of the United Stes thought the setting and atmosphere of the Wayside Inn was beyond description.

Thursday, June 22, 1950 Fair - Warm

Mr. Barb, from Pennsylvania, came to the Inn today to take moving pictures of one of our coaches. These color films are to be used for Educational purposes. Pictures were taken as a coach, drawn by two white horses, approached the front entrance of the Inn and were greeted by the Landlord who was portrayed ty our Mr. Clarke. The part of Lafayette, arriving in the coach, was taken by Mr. Barb.

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Everyone at the Inn enjoyed the festivities, as well as the guests, many of whom took pictures of the arrival of the coach at the Inn.

Friday, June 23, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. J. D. Hendryx, Advertising Manager for Chickering & Sons, East Rochester, New York, was here recently and of course intensely interested in the three pianos at the Inn made by his firm. The one in the large dining room, he informs us, appears to be the oldest and, if the number can be found, he will tell us the exact date. In 1830 Jonas Chickering entered into partnership with Capt. John Mackay. The firm was called Chickering and Mackay and many sweet-toned pianos were sent to South America in exchange for rosewood and finely grained mahogany. One of these pianos made between 1830 and 1841 is in our old ball room. The large square piano in the large ball room is numbered 35,767 and records in possession of Chickering & Sons show that it was manufactured April 9, 1870. Mr. Hendryx sent us an excellent brochure entitled The Romance of the Chickering - America's Oldest and Best-Loved Piano. Under the heading Historic Chickerings we learn that Jenny Lind, Franz Liszt, Abraham Lincoln and Longfellow all owned Chickering pianos and an important part of the Chickering historic collection is in the custody of the Ford Museum at Dearborn. These instruments, which include the first piano ever made by Jonas Chickering, his first upright and the earliest Chickering grand, are illustrated in the booklet "The Chickerings " in the Ford Museum, provide unique examples of the art of piano making in America going back to the early part of the 19th Century, when the first Chickering was made in 1823. This contribution is a salient feature of the late Mr. Ford's collections designed to preserve the important evidences of America's culture and progress from the earliest times to the present day.

Saturday, June 24, 1950 Very Warm

A wedding luncheon and two Chapel weddings followed by receptions at the Inn will conclude our June weddings.

A wedding luncheon for seventy guests was planned for twelve noon in the large dining room. The bridal couple, Miss Marian Phinney and Mr. John D. Winchester of Melrose were seated at the head table which was set for sixteen. Each table was adorned with pastel gladiola. A towering white cake was

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placed in the center of the bride's table and banked with gladiola.

A four o'clock wedding was planned at the Martha-Mary Chapel for Miss Patricia B. Pease and Mr. Robert M. Abbott of Grafton, Massachusetts.

Miss Pease, a petite and very attractive blond, chose as her bridal gown crisp white organdy, fashioned with a boufont skirt and puffed sleeves. A powder blue taffeta sash, blue shoes and touches of blue delphinium in her bridal bouquet, gave Miss Pease a touch of distinction and made her a truly lovely bride. Five bridal attendants in pastel dotted swiss gowns completed this colorful bridal picture.

Following the wedding in the Chapel, one hundred and fifty guests greeted the bridal couple at a reception in the large Ball Room.

Early evening brought seven Gray Line buses, with a group of about two hundred and fifty. This group, who were representatives from the National Newspaper Association were seated in the Old Dining Room and the Large Dining Room and partook of a Baked Ham Dinner.

An eight o'clock wedding in the Chapel united in marriage Miss Barbara Joan Buck and Mr. Walter F. Alden of Medford, Massachusetts.

A reception followed in the large Ball Room where a Buffet Tea was served to about one-hundred and fifty guests.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of June 25 - July 1, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, June 25, 1950 Very Warm

Notice of the death of Jane Cowl, the actress, appeared in a recent newspaper and we were reminded that Miss Cowl was very fond of the Inn. She came here whenever she was playing in Boston. She used to come even before Mr. Ford bought the Inn and remembered Mr. Lemon well. She spoke fondly of Mr. Lemon when she lastevisited the Inn and pointed out some of the pieces of furniture which belonged to him. Undoubtedly he had told her about the Sheraton sofa in the Parlor which was once owned by Charlotte Cushman. Miss Cowl was the victim of cancer and her funeral was held in Hollywood.

We are enjoying some of the flowers left from yesterday's weddings. Mrs. Flint has arranged them in old pewter containers and many of the guests have commented upon the color and styling - as modern, commercial florists term expert flower arrangements.

Monday, June 26, 1950 Hot

Mrs. Borgner, a grandmother of one of Saturday's brides, who has been staying here for several days, left this morning. She was very appreciative of everyone's kindness to her as she had to be left alone a good deal of the time. Yesterday, her 75th birthday, was especially lonely but it just so happened that none of the family could be with her until today when they were planning to have luncheon with her. Of the four books loaned to her from the library she selected More Than Gold by George M. Adams as being the most worth while. In fact she intended to buy a copy to give to a friend.

Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Fiske and two children stopped for breakfast this morning on their way to their summer home in New Hampshire. Mr. Fiske is the Frater who has taken so many pictures of the Inn and individual groupings of antiques for use in his lectures.

Tuesday, June 27, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. and Mrs. Spofford from Berlin, Massachusetts, a little town about fifteen miles from here, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary at the Inn today. They came modestly and quietly and just the two of them. We gave them a nice table in the old dining room and they enjoyed a Turkey Dinner.

Tuesday, June 27, 1950 (continued)

The friendly rival of the Gray Line, namely the Copley Tour, arrived this afternoon with a group of sight-seers to go through the house. Copley makes practically the same trip through Lexington and Concord as the Gray Line but they do not come regularly. It is quite a chore keeping the various bus companies and their passengers in mind, where they come from and where they are going!

Wednesday, June 28, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. Barb from the Haythen Production Company returned again today to take more pictures of the Wayside Inn for his educational films. Bert Caldwell loaned his two lambs and a few of the children from the Mary Lamb school took part in the activities. The directors had quite a struggle trying to get the lamb to follow "Mary" into the school house. Finally after much coaxing they decided to put one lamb inside the school building. Lo and behold, the other lamb followed the first one right in. Miss Staples helped dress the children in their appropriate costumes and the film ended with Miss Fisher as the school teacher ringing the bell and greeting the children as they went happily into the little red school house.

Thursday, June 29, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. and Mrs. John Fox and all the little Foxes with their goods and chattels arrived at four o'clock this afternoon for a night's sojourn on their way to Maine. This is an annual stop-over for the Fox family and is becomming quite as much of a Wayside Inn tradition as when the Edsel Ford family used to stop over on their way to and from Seal Harbor. Besides Mother and Father Fox there are two Fox children and a Grandmother and maid who take over the two double rooms on the second floor plus two cots. Sometimes an additional room is needed. They retired early tonight and will be on their way again shortly after the sun comes up tomorrow morning. They still have over two hundred miles to go.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of June 25 - July 1, 1950 inclusive

Friday, June 30, 1950 Cool

Thirty-one people came with the Cook's Tour today, the first of the season. They will come every Friday through the summer.

Mrs. Lowell of South Sudbury, substituting for Mrs. Stone during her recent illness is making everything shine, especially the table tops in the bar room. She loves to bring out the natural color and a wooden bowl has taken on a beautiful soft reddish hue.

One of the hostesses from Williamsburg, Virginia, visited the Inn this week. She is Mrs. Margaret Witten and when we told her how much we admired the costumes with the full skirts she told us they were called farthingales.

Saturday, July 1, 1950 Very Warm

There was only one wedding today. This occurred in the late afternoon and was attended by about one hundred and twenty-five guests, friends and relatives of Miss Jean Graham of Marlborough. She was married to Mr. Philip M. Smithers in the Chapel at five o'clock. And a very pretty bride was she! Her gown was quite unusual with a lace tunic and matching lace veil and matching lace mitts. The groom was a handsome young man from Pennsylvania and brought with him a very good looking group of ushers. The best man was another tall, handsome fellow and altogether the wedding party with attractive bridesmaids in pastel gowns was one of the prettiest we have seen. The receiving line formed in the large Ball room and a Buffet Tea was served. The wedding cake was cut in the proverbial manner and the happy couple left amid a clanking of tin cans tied to the rear of their car!

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THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of July 9 - 15, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, July 9, 1950 Very Warm

In Spite of the fact that many native New Englanders as well as tourists from all parts of the United States drove to the sea-coast towns and beaches today seeking relief from the sultry high temperature, there were still many who travelled inland to visit historic shrines and other points of interest. We are in the thick of the vacation season. People are going from place to place visiting friends and famous landmarks. Among our guests was Mrs. A. de San Carlo from St. Jean de Lux, France. She is visiting her son, a student at the School of Business Administration, Harvard University. A most attractive woman, Mrs. de San Carlo was typically French in her accent and mannerisms and dressed in the smart French manner. She has six more children at home she informed Flora who waited upon her in the dining room and was much pleased when Flora continued the conversation in French.

Monday, July 10, 1950 Pleasant

After a very cool night it stayed cool and cloudy all day but no rain fell. Two Gray Line buses brought fifty people for lunch. A group of thirty-six came on the American Express Company Tour. The conductor, Mr. Keller, introduced one of the hostesses to a lady seated on the porch. She was Mrs. Moran from Chicago and said she wanted to send us a powder horn somewhat like the one hanging over the fireplace in the bar room. She said it might be a later period as it has a screw top made of pewter.

Tuesday, July 11, 1950 Pleasant

Thirty-one people from Spokane, Washington arrived today via Gray Line bus and enjoyed luncheon served on the Porch. They are having a cross-country tour from coast to coast making most of the mileage by train. When they reach a scheduled stop they are taken in busses to see the sights.

Tuesday, July 11, 1950 (continued)

A recent guest was Mr. H. B. Low from Sac City, Iowa. He was making his first visit to New England on a Carton Tour. After luncheon Mr. Low stopped for a few minutes at the old Bar and told us that he had been a Ford Dealer for thirty-seven years. Said he sold his first Ford car in 1911.

Mr. Lagerman, house-guest, brought in a green bouquet which he had gathered in the woods near the Inn. It consisted of choke cherry, elder, hazelnut and oak leaves.

Wednesday, July 12, 1950 Thunder Showers

This was a day of tours, especially at noon time. The Copley Tour from Boston brought a small group of people who were served luncheon in the old Dining Room. Next came the Carton Tour from Chicago with thirty-five, who ate a Chicken Pie Luncheon on the Porch. The regular Gray Line Tour brought thirty-one passengers while the large dining room accommodated seventy-one Reading Rail Ramblers on a special sight-seeing trip from Pennsylvania and vicinity.

Mr. Robert Hamilton from the Dearborn Inn arrived this morning to spend a few days here. He is occupying the Garden Room.

Thursday, July 13, 1950 Very Pleasant

The bright and early sunshine today brought with it a group of six children, each about nine years old. They were accompanied by their lovely young teacher, Miss Lowell, and all were from Needham, Massachusetts. Miss Lowell is taking the children, whom she has had in her class in the public school, on daily vacation trips around Boston. They have been to an Esplanade Concer, Franklin Park, the sea shore and today, the Wayside Inn.

During the noon hour we welcomed twenty-eight gentlemen who are representatives of the Hood Rubber Company in Watertown. They are located in various parts of the United States and called into the home office for counsel and conferences. The Company was particularly anxious to show them some true New England atmosphere

Thursday, July 13, 1950 (continued)

and arranged luncheon for them in our old dining room. Miss Staples took them on a tour of the house and our popular Letter Booklets were distributed to the men before they left the dining room. All expressed appreciation for a very pleasant time.

A group of teachers from Washington, D. C. were also luncheon guests this noon and enjoyed a happy meal together on the Porch. They are in Boston attending conferences of the National Home Economics Association.

Friday, July 14, 1950 Cool - Clear

Preparations for the Thompson wedding, which takes place tomorrow, are under way. The bride's mother, Mrs. Charles Thompson of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, said that so many of their friends were in the east they decided to have the wedding here. The groom is Robert Kelsey of Cambride and Mr. Thompson lived in Sudbury as a young boy. All the mothers who come to arrange weddings for their daughters are charming, but Mrs. Thompson was especially so. She is talented as well, paints in oils and has recently taken up ceramics. She made a lovely little bride and groom of clay, glazed in soft pastel shades, which will grace the top of the wedding cake tomorrow. We are keeping it safely tucked away in the meantime.

Saturday, July 15, 1950 Fair and Warm

One of the loveliest weddings ever held in the Chapel took place this afternoon when Miss Theodosia Thompson from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan was married to Mr. Robert Kelsey. The bride is a graduate of the School of Occupational Therapy, Boston, and two of her former patients assisted with the wedding. One of them played the organ while the other young man arranged the flowers. He has recently opened a flower shop and this was his first large assignment.

Mrs. Kelsey is the sixth Theodosia. She is descended from Emerson, Sargent, Haynes and Howe lines - all familiar names in the history of Sudbury and the Wayside Inn. The fourth Theodosia was a guest at the wedding and is eighty-seven years old.

Saturday, July 15, 1950 (continued)

After the wedding ceremony and reception in the large Ball Room, and after the bride had taken off her chantilly lace veil and donned her "going away" costume, the guests lingered at the front door to say good-bye. And even after the happy couple had departed, the Emersons, Sargents, Haynes and Howes, stayed on to talk with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson until way beyong the supper hour. Mrs. Thompson explained that it was the first gathering of the family in years and it meant a great deal to them all to have the sixth Theodosia married at the Wayside Inn. It was like being married in an old ancentral home.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of July 16 - 22, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, July 16, 1950 Cloudy

There is a lot of talk around the Inn about baseball. The Boston Braves and Red Sox are our "home" teams and their pitching and batting is being watched closely. Not only the men are interested in keeping the score but many women follow the baseball news with a great deal of enthusiasm and intelligence! Mrs. Stidger for one. She came into the Bar room this evening practically breathless and apologized profusely for being late for her supper reservation. She was listening to the Ball game on the radio and said she just "couldn't leave." The Boston Red Sox were playing the Cleveland Indians. Mrs. Stidger has been coming to the Inn quite frequently since her husband passed away. He was the Reverend William L. Stidger of the School of Theology, Boston University and former Methodist minister. He was located in Detroit at one time and knew Mr. Ford well.

Monday, July 17, 1950 Muggy

Two swallows were discovered one morning in the old dining room by Mrs. Stone. They were fluttering around trying desperately to get out. She caught first one and then the other holding it quietly in her hands until it stopped its frantic struggling. Then she let them go out doors and they disappeared. Pretty soon we noticed a great comotion going on in the darkness of the chimney and we realized that there must be a family of little ones up there. Soon the father and mother birds returned to the nest and all was well.

Tuesday, July 18, 1950 Pleasant

Kahki uniforms are beginning to filter in among our guests and suggest a very grim picture. It is still a shock to see our fine young men in the traditional uniform of the United States army and hard to believe that we are at war again.

Mrs. Carl H. Strahm of Willard, Ohio a recent guest, told of her formula for living. She said it was a verse from one of Longfellow's poems which she learned in the second grade.

"Look not mournfully into the past
It comes not back again
Wisely improve the present
It is yours.
Go forth into the shadowy future
without fear and with a manly heart."

Wednesday, July 19, 1950 Pleasant

This morning Rev. Miller from Framingham came with a group of children from his church. Miss Staples showed them through the Inn and when she came to the story of Longfellow and his friends telling their tales in the Parlor, one little fellow spoke up and said very seriously, "Oh, I do wish they were all here now and around this room."

The Bixler Tour which has been coming once during the Summer every Summer for years and years arrived today with thirty-five members. They were delighted with their tour of the Inn and their luncheon served in the old dining room . Their tour, from Hiram, Ohio lasts sixteen days. From here they will go to Boston and then to the Adirondacks and Lake Placid.

Thursday, July 20, 1950 Rainy and Cold

Despite rain and dampness, we had many visitors at the Inn today. Fifty-three travelers came on the Gray Line Tour and on the National Education Association Tours - twenty guests were served luncheon. This was the last trip of the National Education Association this season.

Two very interesting people came to see the house later in the day. They were Sister Joseph Mary and Sister Agnes Cecilia, celebrating their Golden Jubilee. The former was from De Smet, Idaho and is a teacher of Indian children and the second sister teaches at St. Joseph's Academy in Sprague, Washington.

Friday, July 21, 1950 Clear and Sunny

A guest said this morning "what a wonderful day!" and the hostess "a wonderful day for taking pictures!" and the guest replied "A wonderful day for anything!"

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald from Hartford, Connecticut stopped for dinner last night and had as their guests three men in the uniform of the Royal Netherlands Navy. Two were from Amsterdam and one from Rotterdam, one of them wrote Reverend in front of his name. Most of their conversation was in Dutch but they seemed very pleased with everything, especially their tour of the Inn with the Archibalds after dinner.

Saturday, July 22, 1950 Pleasant

Miss Elaine Byrne, daughter of Dr. William R. Byrne, of Holliston, was married at the Martha-Mary Chapel today and then had her reception in the small ball room where wedding guests were served ice cream and cake, buffet style.

Two large bouquets of white carnations and gladiolas adorned the two mantels and greens were banked around the lovely three tiered wedding cake.

Later in the afternoon we welcomed a second bride and groom from their wedding in the Chapel., Mr. and Mrs. Luther Virgil Schenk. The bride was formerly Miss Virginia Thompson, daughter of Mr. John C. Thompson of Wellesley Hills. The bride wore traditional white with a short lace veil and her bridesmaids were dressed in pale green and yellow organdy gowns with matching picture hats.

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THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

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Sunday, July 23, 1950 Pleasant

Miss Fisher played the organ in the Martha-Mary Chapel this afternoon when Miss Rita Butler became the bride of Chester Halstrom. About forty friends of the happy couple witnessed the ceremony and later held an informal reception in the vestibule to congratulate them and speed them on their way with many good wishes. Both the bride and groom were from Auburn, Massachusetts.

We never fail to see Mr. Jenkins when he pays the Inn a visit. He is always more or less conspicuous with his long white beard and ruddy complexion. He has looked the same for many years and today he hadn't changed a bit. And Mr. Jenkins never fails to remind us that he was once a Ford dealer, around 1915, and sold Model T cars. He lives in Milford, Massachusetts and is quite a character. Today he was sporting a cane made from the stalk of the Palm or Cocus Plumosa tree.

Monday, July 24, 1950 Clear - Warm

Our family of little chimney swallows is prospering and every time they are fed the baby birds set up quite a twittering. People stop and ask what that sound is and when it was explained to one young boy all he could say was, "Well, I'll be darned!" Another guest said to his wife "There is a cricket in there", and his wife said that we even had a "cricket on the hearth."

A man from Pittsburgh stopped at the desk today and asked if he might come back some time and get a record of the ticking of the parlor clock. We often have requests to take pictures but this is the first time anyone requested permission to take sound recordings. The man said he would have had his recording machine in his car but that he had been stopped at the Canadian border and had to send his machine home.

Tuesday, July 25, 1950 Pleasant

An elderly couple from Lakewood, Ohio came to the Inn recently and said that they were here in 1924 and remembered seeing Mr. Ford, Mr. Firestone and Mr. Edison here at the same time. They remembered every little detail of their visit such as the fact that tissue gingham dresses were just coming into vogue. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Firestone were each wearing a tissue gingham dress. Mr. Edison sat in the old Ball room until Mrs. Edison came in and asked him if he would like a glass of milk. This association with such distinguished people has been cherished by these Ohio folks for many years and they were indeed thrilled to be back in the setting which has meant so much to them.

The very same day another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Ross of Los Angeles, California were here for sentimental reasons. Mrs. Ross explained that when she was Miss Alice Burge in 1924, she, too, found Mr. Ford here at the Inn and he kindly posed for a picture which she took with her camera. She said the picture was so good she had it enlarged and framed.

Wednesday, July 26, 1950 Cool - Pleasant

Thirty-six boys from seven to nine years of age went through the Inn today and derived a great deal of pleasure from their visit. The hostess on duty at the time said "they just loved it". They were from a Y.M.C.A. Boys camp at Winsocet, Rhode Island. Every week they go on a trip. Last week they visited Plymouth Rock.

One of our sight-seers today contributed a bit of interesting information regarding our old bottles. She said that the reason for the variety of shapes and sizes was due to the fact that most of the bottles in the old days were kept in dark cellars or wine rooms. Due to inadequate lighting it was necessary to pick your bottle in the dark, so to speak. You identified your drink by the shape of the bottle rather than by the label.

Thursday, July 27, 1950 Cool - Pleasant

The early morning fire in the bar-room gave a cheerful glow to all the travelers of the day as they were greeted by the hostesses. One guest in particular stands out among the rest. A little boy, about nine years old, came into the room and exclaimed "what a nice old-fashioned house and a nice old-fashioned fireplace." Looking at the musket with eyes ablaze, said quickly" this is the first time I e er saw a gun like that!" "Were they really like that then?" "Yes," was the hostess's reply. "I'm going to look around for some more guns!" Then dashing through the Tap room door he shouted "Look at the Bunderlust!".

Friday, July 28, 1950 Warm

Due to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Flint has not been able to work for several weeks and we were very glad to welcome her back today. Miss Hamilton left on Thursday to spend the week-end until Wednesday at her former home at Lake Placid, New York.

Another Frater and his wife dropped in this morning to see us, Dr. Ellsworth Reamon from Syracuse, New York. Their two daughters, Caroline and Judy were with them, all looking very healthy and tanned and full of pep, having just spent several weeks on the Cape. On their way back they spent the night at the home of Dr. Wallace Rose, another Frater, and said they simply could not go by the Inn without coming in to say hello. Dr. Reamon said he had to see the Kitchen, the favorite room during the Retreat. After a quick trip through the other rooms and a pause for a second on the front steps for a picture to be taken, they were off.

Saturday, July 29, 1950 Very Warm

A wedding luncheon for a group of one hundred was scheduled to take place in the large Dining Room this noon. A bridal table for eight was set and attractively decorated with several bouquets in pastel colors. The bridal couple, Walter S. Dooley of Dorchester and his bride the former Mary A. Cronin of Weston, were seated at the table with the bridal attendants and an honored guest, Edwart T. Cronin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Following the luncheon and the cutting of the wedding cake the couple left on a wedding trip through New England.

Miss Elizabeth Quigley of Newton Center was married today at a three o'clock service in the Martha-Mary Chapel. The bride, a graduate of the Framingham State Teachers College, looked charming in her full length satin gown trimmed with lace. She wore a finger tip veil, caught to a lace crown and carried a small old-fashioned bouquet. Her attendants, all classmates at Framingham, were gowned in yellow marquisette and carried old-fashioned bouquets.

A Buffet Tea was served in the large Ball room for a group of one hundred guests.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of July 30 - August 5, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, July 30, 1950 Very warm

Today we are observing the birthday of our friend and benefactor Mr. Henry Ford. If he were living he would be eighty-seven years old. This is also the birthday of another faithful friend, Miss Agnes Condon who has been in charge of the dining room ever since Mr. Ford purchased the Inn.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarke of New York City have been spending the week-end here with their daughter. Mrs. Clarke's mother is in a Nursing Home in nearby Northboro and the Clarkes are spending as much time as possible with her. They are lovely people and since discovering the Inn as a place to stay overnight they have been here several times in the last few months.

Monday, July 31, 1950 Cooler

The glow and warmth of a fire in the fireplace gave a cheerful welcome to members of the American Express Tour this damp, cool day. The twenty-three guests under the direction of able Mr. Keller enjoyed luncheon served on the Porch.

Two colored people were very much interested in the Inn today. They seemed particularly anxious to learn something of it's history and when told that the house was built two hundred and ~~sixty~~four years ago, the gentleman exclaimed: "Well, I knew it was getting on!"

Another couple who expected to stay here only a few minutes became so interested they spent an hour wandering through the rooms. On their way out they said they were from Yonkers, New York and that in the Dutch language Yonkers means a young nobleman, Jonheers.

Tuesday, August 1, 1950 Pleasant

Mrs. Gordon L. Johnson dropped in for Breakfast the other morning and told us about her eating place called the Great House on Route 1 nine miles beyound Providence, Rhode Island. She and her husband serve dinners every evening and make a specialty of unusual salads. They make a very fine Tossed salad which they serve with especially tender and thick steak.

Another important guest this week was Mr. Philip D. Johnson of Chicago who is a representative of the National Restaurant Association. They made a film called "America's Heritage of Hospitality" in which some interesting scenes were taken right here at the Inn. Mrs. Flint, our very pretty hostess, was dressed in Puritan costume for

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for the picture and appeared as a typical guest of the Colonial period. Mr. Johnson is going to make a special effort to have the film shown at one of our local moving picture theatres so that we call all see it.

Wednesday, August 2, 1950 Cool

The morning's mail brought several cards from Miss Fisher who arrived at her destination in Maine safely. She has gone to Southport to spend the month of August with her two sisters. They are staying at a very comfortable looking lodge called the "Rendezvous". While we have had some unual Summer heat to contend with, Miss Fisher reports that she is forced to wear two outside coats in order to keep warm!

Barbara Eaton Duveneau, who has been on our hostess staff off and on for several years before her marriage, filled in at the desk today while Miss Hamilton, now Mrs. McCrady, contined to enjoy the scenic beauties of the Lake Placid region of New York state where she is spending her Honeymoon.

Thursday, August 3, 1950 Cloudy

Mrs. McCrady returned today and was greeted by all thw Inn-ers with congratulations and good wishes. Everyone wants her to have a very happy married life. She was married last Saturday morning in the Congregational parsonage in South Sudbury and Rev. John Copp officiated at the ceremony. Mrs. McCrady entertained us today with an account of her trip to Lake Placid and the Adirondack region. She and her husband visited Santa Claus Village at White Face Mountain which has been recently built for the amusement and pleasure of curious little children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Claus are there to shake hands with the visitors and there are many quaint, odd shaped buildings of different colors which form the village. Animals are running around and there is a lolly-pop tree. "Just like something out of a Fairy Tale book" said our bride.

Friday, August 4, 1950 Pleasant

A party of six came in for Breakfast this morning and in the group was Mr. Harry G. Rogers of Williamsport, Pennsylvania who owns one of the two pencil collections in America. Mr. Rogers has collected over 5,000 pencils and keeps them in cases of fifty pencils each. Imagine the variety of shapes and sizes and colors which must be represented in such a pencil collection!

Friday, August 4, 1950 (continued)

The Cook Tour from New York made their usual Friday luncheon stop today and brought twenty-four passengers who enjoyed looking through the Inn. After luncheon they bought many books and post-cards to send to friends and relatives "back home".

Saturday, August 5, 1950 Clear and Fair

Miss Jane Bartlett of Holden and Mr. Robert Mason were married at the Chapel today at 4:30 o'clock. The reception followed in the large Ball-room where the tables were appropriately decorated with greens and white gladiolas. The bride wore a white lace and nylon net gown with a short veil caught in a crown of white lace. Her bridesmaids wore gowns of soft lavender and pale pink with small baskets of varied flowers and flowers in their hair.

Later in the evening a pre-nuptial dinner was served in the Old Kitchen for Miss Elizabeth Warren. Her wedding is to be held in the Martha-Mary Chapel tomorrow. White garden flowers and the red and white table linen added to the spirit of the affair and the tradition of the Inn.

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THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of August 13 - 19, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, August 13, 1950 Pleasant

Again we were pleased to talk with the teen-agers from Florida who are working in the Connecticut tobacco fields. A bus load of them stopped for an hour or so this morning and the youngsters walked through the rooms of the Inn. Most of them have never seen a house as old as this one and they were truly interested. They told us that their homes are near Tampa, Florida and in typical Southern accent asked - "Do you all have post cards?"

Penny and Patty are twin dolls belonging to little Miss Lynne Tuhaceke from Cleveland, Ohio. They arrived at the Wayside Inn today safely tucked in the arms of their mother, one in each arm. Lynne said they enjoyed the bus ride from Cleveland to Boston very much indeed.

Monday, August 14, 1950 Cool - Pleasant

A young gentleman when given instructions by the hostess on how to tour the Inn said quickly "If I go left I may be right but if I go right, will I be left?"

Mr. E. Davidson of Brookline stopped today to renew memories. Many years ago he had slept in the Longfellow room and his guest was George C. Marshall, who was then attached to the National Guard at Framingham.

The usual American Express tour arrived at the Inn as scheduled and was served luncheon. Also we welcomed to the Inn Mr. Stewart Byrne from Amershan, England and Gar Parkhouse, Portsmouth, England.

Tuesday, August 15, 1950 Pleasant

The Sudbury Librarian, Elizabeth Atkinson, became very much interested in the fact that Mr. Ford's birthday occurred on Sunday, July 30th and she arranged a special list of books which the library owns regarding his life. She makes a plea in the local newspaper for more books about him because he is, of course, the most significant international figure ever connected with the town of Sudbury. She says that the

Tuesday, August 15, 1950 Pleasant

town should have more relics and books relating to his visits here. He made history for the town and she asks that any material bearing on the subject be given to the library.

Another item of interest to the town of Sudbury is the report of Miss Lottie M. Smith of the Massachusetts Audubon Society who has identified thirty-six birds in the new Wild Life Sanctuary belonging to the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs. This is property formerly owned by the Wayside Inn.

Wednesday, August 16, 1950 Pleasant

A memorable day. The Inn appeared on Television for the first time in all its long history. The old writing-arm chair, the early Pilgrim chair and the lovely old tavern table from the Bar-room were transported in to one of the Boston TV stations, WBZ to be exact, and a tiny room set up with fireplace in the background. Several smaller items such as pipe tongs, bed warmer, wafer iron and pipe box were placed around the room to give the proper atmosphere. Then Ruth Ley who has a Television show called "All about People", sat down in the Windsor chair with Miss Staples opposite in the old Carver chair and a lively little conversation ensued about the Wayside Inn. Miss Ley asked Miss Staples to tell something of its history and present day activities. Those listening, or rather "seeing", thought they were seeing an actual room at the Inn and that Miss Ley and Miss Staples were right here in South Sudbury.

Thursday, August 17, 1950 Pleasant

There was so much excitement around the Inn yesterday because of the Television show that we neglected to mention the Bixler Tour group which after all is very important in the general news of this old Inn. The Bixlers are Tour conductors from way back and have been coming to the Inn with their groups for many years. They come from Ohio. The reason they made history yesterday was because this was the second group to come here this season. Mrs. Bixler said they had an "overflow" from the tour in July and had to make another trip in August. Usually they have just one trip.

Thursday, August 17, 1950 (continued)

Lovely Mrs. Cartinhour was our houseguest tonight and all were glad to see her again. It has been about two years since Mr. Cartinhour took his own life and this is the first time Mrs. Cartinhour has been here alone. All expressed sympathy and understanding and we hope she will return on her way back from Nova Scotia.

Friday, August 18, 1950 Pleasant

Bright and early this morning we had at our doorstep twenty-five eager young boys who were very anxious to explore the Inn. These boys are all YMCA boys who are camping in Maine. Each week they have a special trip planned for their entertainment.

Again we welcomed the Cook Tour from New York. They enjoyed a delightful luncheon on the Porch.

This evening we were all pleased to see Mrs. Bowker from Worcester. Mrs. Bowker stopped in to have dinner with her friends Mr. and Mrs. Dykeman.

Saturday, August 19, 1950 Showers

Much needed rain finally arrived today after a two week drought, but it didn't discourage Mr. Delany, one of our house guests, from climbing Mt. Nobscot. From the summit could be seen mountain ranges in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Mr. Babcock from Milton, Massachusetted stopped today to see the old spinet in the Parlor. He believes it is one made by his ancestors for he owns one just like it. Mr. Babcock also told the hostess an interesting story of the forty-eight Minute Men from Milton and how he owns a copy of their diary. When he finds time he would like to send a copy to the decendants of each of the forty-eight men.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of August 20 - 26, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, August 20, 1950 Pleasant

There is so much to do these days to take care of many tourist-guests we seem to neglect our feathered friends and the little creatures who make their home in the environment of this old Inn. But we have not forgotten them. As if to remind us that they are being over-looked, a dear little Tree toad climbed laboriously to the top of the screen door. He perched himself on top of the high narrow casing and sat there until Mr. Coulter came along and mistook him for a tiny bird's nest! It was a precarious position and fortunately Mr. Coulter did not slam the door. Otherwise the poor little toad would have landed on top of Mr. Coulter's head. This tragedy or rather comedy was avoided and upon closer examination it was discovered that this friendly little creature could be easily removed with the aid of a broom. Mr. Coulter gave him a gentle shove and he dropped to the base of a tree where we think he felt much more at home.

Monday, August 21, 1950 Pleasant

Our most important guest today was Mrs. Emma B. Collier, ninety years old, who stopped here for dinner with her daughter Mrs. Edmunds of Poughkeepsie, New York. "Mother is the liveliest member of the party" said Mrs. Edmunds who went on to explain that she and her mother and a friend have been on a ten day trip in Vermont and New Hampshire. Mrs. Edmunds wanted rooms for the night but because of previous reservations we were not able to accommodate them. We recommended Mrs. Gould's Tourist home about three miles down the road and Mrs. Collier, the ninety-year old of the party, was perfectly happy and contented to change her plans. She had looked forward to staying here, but went merrily on her way with daughter and friend, promising to come back to the Inn for breakfast. A good sport.

Tuesday, August 22, 1950 Pleasant

Every Summer we like to take a typical day and record the number of States represented by our guests. This year we chose today and this is the list:

Michigan	New York	New Jersey
Pennyslvania	Maryland	Louisana
Massachusetts	Florida	Arizona
Illinois	Connecticut	Ohio
	Indiana	Virginia

Wednesday, August 23, 1950 Pleasant

It seems as if we had talked with an unusually large number of people this Summer who formerly lived in this vicinity and are returning for the first time in many years. Among those who recalled the Inn as a place of pleasant memories was Miss Lillian G. Harrington of Everett, Massachusetts, who said that she used to live in Wayland and in 1892 the Wayland High School Senior class had their graduation party here. Another visitor who told an interesting story was Dr. James B. Pentz an ancestor of Ruben Puffer, who founded the first church in Berlin, Massachusetts. Puffers are well known in Sudbury. The name Puffer is associated with many of the interesting historical events of the town.

Thursday, August 24, 1950 Pleasant

The Gray Line proved today that this is the very top peak of the tourist season. Ninety-six passengers, the largest load this Summer, were aboard when the long gray busses drew up at the front gate. These ninety-six hungry people were shown into the large dining room where luncheon was ready to be served.

At supper time we welcomed forty-one men and women from the Montclair Teachers College in New Jersey. They were prepared to take notes with pencil and paper so Miss Staples gave them a talk about the Inn as they went through the various rooms. They particularly liked the Parlor because many of them are majoring in American Literature. Credits are given for a story of their trip. They are on a twelve-day tour.

Friday, August 25, 1950 Pleasant

Again we had the pleasure of seeing Mrs.Clair Davis who comes back to Sudbury every Summer just for "old time's sake". Mrs. Davis brought a friend, Mrs. Hueston, this year and the two were house guests for nearly a week. Mrs. Davis came to Sudbury as a bride. Her husband was minister of the Methodist church and the couple made many friends here. Years went by, Mr. Davis died, and Mrs. Davis went back to teaching school. She still teaches but in the Summer she always returns to see her old friends in Sudbury.

Most of her friends are very old ladies and each year they look forward to the party which Mrs. Davis gives them. This consists of ice cream and cake which the former minister's wife buys and serves to an assembled group. Today Mrs. Davis said she had "made the rounds" of her old ladies and was planning to return home, home being in Hempstead, New York.

Saturday, August 26, 1950 Warm

Miss Charolotte Capon, one of our local girls, was married at two o'clock in the Chapel and a buffet style reception followed in the large Ballroom.

The new Mrs. Twitchell looked lovely in her white slipper satin gown and short net veil. Her maid of honor wore a yellow net gown and a wide picture hat.

Later in the afternoon Miss Mildred Schofield was married in the Chapel. Her reception was held in the small ballroom which was charmingly decorated with two large bouquets of white, soft pink and brilliant yellow gladioli. A large bouquet of white astors was arranged in the center of the table, which was appropriately adorned with green and pink blossoms.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of August 27 - September 2, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, August 27, 1950 Warm

Mrs. Deveneau, formerly Barbara Eaton, filled in on the hostess staff today and added a note of cheerfulness to this otherwise hot, humid day.

The two blind Chinese girls who were here earlier this Summer, came again today with their friend, Mrs.Carpenter. It is remarkable how the blind learn to "see" so much through touch and sound. They were fascinated with the intricate pattern of the hand woven coverlet on the old settle.

Monday, August 28, 1950 Cool and Rainy

The cheerful chatter of travellers talking in the Bar-room and the dancing glow of the open fire gave no evidence of the dismal day outside.

Mr. Keller, first conductor of the American Express Company's Tour group came today for the time this season. He is taking a two week's vacation. The tour will go on however, for two or three more weeks. Many people prefer to visit New England in the Fall when the days are cooler and the foliage is beginning to change color.

Tuesday, August 29, 1950 Cloudy

We were pleased to meet today a friend of Mrs. Bergner whom we remember as a guest at the Pease wedding in July. Mrs. Bergner lives in Oberlin, Ohio and she told her friend Mrs. Cairns in California to be sure to stop at Wayside Inn when she came to New England. Mrs. Cairns made a point of coming to the Inn for Breakfast this morning, bringing greetings from Mrs. Bergner. She was accompanied by Mr. Cairns who is on his way to the International Congress of Mathematicians at Harvard. He is a member of the Governing Board, of the Mathematical Association. It was while Mr. Cairns was teaching at Oberlin College that Mrs. Bergner and the Cairns became such good friends.

Wednesday, August 30, 1950 Cloudy

A young father from Charleston, S. C. with his two little girls who were carrying twin dolls, remarked that he hadn't been here for nine years and when leaving said: "I may never be here again."

We were privileged to have as a luncheon guest recently Dr. Miriam Van Waters from the Women's Reformatory at Sherborn, Massachusetts. Dr. Van Waters is a penologist of note and has made a strong stand in the state of Massachusetts for modern, up-to-date methods of prison reform. She has exceedingly advanced ideas about the treatment of inmates.

With her as a luncheon Mrs. Van Waters had her married daughter who remembers that on her tenth Birthday she was given a party in the Old Kitchen of the Inn. The long, low pine sheathed room brought back many pleasant memories.

Thursday, August 31, 1950 Rain

A very kindly lady stepped up to the desk today to buy books and post cards and in the course of the conversation she told us that she is connected with the Buckingham Home in Springfield, Massachusetts. This is a home for under-privileged children and Mrs. Gleckley said that they are given psychological care as well as physical treatment.

We are indeed privileged these days to have the pleasure of meeting so many fine people from all parts of the United States and in all walks of life. One never knows who the next person who comes into the Inn will be. He will be important who ever he is or from whatever station in life he comes. Someone has said that true graciousness is the art of making a person feel important and comfortable at the same time. This is the duty of every Wayside Inn hostess.

Friday, September 1, 1950 Cloudy

Today begins the long Labor Day weekend which winds up the Summer tourist season at many New England resorts. This means that people will be wending their way back to their homes in New England and elsewhere.

Cook's Tour from New York brought sixteen people for luncheon and the regular Gray Line brought sixty. Another special party from Reading, Pennsylvania numbered thirty-five.

Saturday, September 2, 1950 Pleasant

At noon time Miss Cecilia Nevins of Marlboro who was married earlier in the day to Mr. Walter Haynes, held her wedding luncheon at the Inn with about one hundred relatives and friends in attendance. The bride wore a charming lace gown of proverbial white with small juliet cap and short tapering veil. Her maid of honor also wore lace of powder blue.

At two o'clock Mrs. Dorothy Whitson and Mr. Arnold Kobelt of New York City were united in marriage in the Chapel by Rev. John Copp. About twenty guests were present and the Chapel was beautifully decorated with yellow, bronze and crimson chrysanthemums.

Another wedding took place at four o'clock. Miss Jane Storer of Waltham became the bride of Mr. Gerald Sinclair. After the ceremony in the Martha-Mary Chapel, a reception was held in the large Ball-room of the Inn with one hundred and thirty-five guests congratulating the happy couple.

A three-piece orchestra provided background music and a Buffet Tea was served. The bride was gowned in white satin and nylon net. Her bouquet was of white gladiolas and gardenias. The bridal attendants were in raspberry and acqua satin gowns styled in tunic effect over tissue faille with matching cloches. They carried yellow and pink gladiolas. The flower girl was dressed in yellow faille.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of September 3 - 9, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, September 3, 1950 Rainy

A very small family party was held in the old dining room this afternoon for Miss Coady of Edmonds Road, Framingham who was married earlier in the day at the home of her parents. Six sat down at the special table which was decorated with a wedding cake and two lighted tapers. The bride wore an aqua crepe dress and carried a rose and white corsage.

The Jones family started off in the rain this morning to see the historical sights of Boston, Concord and Lexington. They looked as cozy as could be in their light colored convertible Ford. Mr. Jones is Industrial Relations Manager of the Chester Assembly Plant of the Ford Company. When we remarked on his new Ford car he said that it belonged to Mrs. Jones and that the light color made it a lady's car.

Monday, September 4, 1950 Pleasant

This being Labor Day the house was full of visitors from morning until night. There were the campers, the holiday week-enders, the tourists, the children on their way to the opening of school, the retired couples returning to their Winter homes, the local people entertaining guests from out of town, the newly-weds - all were here today.

In addition the American Express Tour brought their usual group of sightseers who enjoyed luncheon served on the porch. Also there was one visitor from England and one from Mexico.

Tuesday, September 5, 1950 Pleasant

Two of our old friends and neighbors have brought us interesting news this week. They are not close neighbors, but we like to think of them as belonging in the little circle of friends surrounding the Inn. Mrs. Powell from Concord, a charming widow who used to come to the Inn a great deal with her husband, announced recently that she is to be married again and soon. The gentleman is from the mid-west and Mrs. Powell will go out there to live. We shall miss her very much.

Tuesday, September 5, 1950 Pleasant

Mrs. Bilfinger who lives over in Framingham Center is not an old friend in any way. She is a very charming young lady and we have not known her very long. But already she has endeared herself to us by her vivacious personality and lovely blond hair! She and Mr. Bilfinger are leaving for Japan this week to be gone for over a month. They will fly both ways.

Wednesday, September 6, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. William Berry, skipper of the Sunbeam, visited the Inn today and sandwiched in between expressions of delight over the house, told us quite a bit about his boat. She is a missionary boat, stationed at Seal Harbor, but makes frequent trips along the coast, carrying sick people to the hospital or transporting ministers from one place to another. This good-sized boat with two white crosses on her bows was a familiar sight tied up at one of the wharves in Boothbay Harbor, during the month of August.

Thursday, September 7, 1950 Warm

Forty-eight members of the Lumberman's Association with delegates from many states had luncheon today in the large dining room, under the supervision of Mrs. Donald Hyde of Newtonville, Massachusetts. After the party was served, the quaint story of the Inn was told by one of the hostesses.

The well-known portrait painter, Mr. Kendall Saunders of Templeton, Massachusetts, came again today and spoke fondly of his friend Mr. Lemon. He had formerly spent two weeks at the Inn at the request of Mr. Lemon during which time he copied the picture of Longfellow in the Parlor. He believes it looks as if it were an enlargement of a photograph done in sepia. Mr. Saunders' portrait was painted in antiquitated colors and later sold by Mr. Lemon.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of September 3 - 9, 1950 inclusive

Friday, September 8, 1950 Pleasant

Rev. and Mrs. J. C.Pelon of New York City were house guests last night with their son Paul. The Pelons stop here at least twice a year on their way to and from their summer camp on Lake Winnepesauke. We have watched Paul grow from a baby into a fine boy of about twelve years of age. He and his dad got up early to go fishing for the last time yesterday morning. Among the fish they caught was a fine pickerel which was presented with great pride to one of the hostesses. Mr. Pelon told us that his church is about one hundred blocks from Grand Central Station and in a rather poor neighborhood without much cultural background. During the week he lectures to people on various subjects using colored slides in which are included many views of the Wayside Inn and its surroundings.

Saturday, September 9, 1950 Pleasant

A small wedding luncheon was served for Miss Barbara Perry in the Old Kitchen.this noon. She is a native of Manchester, New Hampshire and was married to Gordon Babcodk at the Martha-Mary Chapel. The bride wore a wine-colored tailored suit with matching accessories and a corsage of gold and yellow baby crysanthemums.

Our second bride of the day was Miss Phyllis Howland of West Newton. She wore a lovely gown of bouffont net and lace and carried white roses. The members of her bridal party wore yellow and aqua net gowns and carried golf red roses and yellow astors.

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Later in the evening at a Candlelight service, Miss Adora Murphy and Mr. Warren Jeannette of Northboro were married at the Martha-Mary Chapel.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of September 10 - 16, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, September 10, 1950 Rain

It was a great pleasure today to talk with the Marrgeson "children" who, for the first time in many years, came to the Inn for dinner. Last time we saw them they were teen-agers and at the awkward stage. Today they seemed like little men and women and talked to us with a great deal of poise and self confidence. They had left mother and father at home and were "eating out" by themselves, Diana, about to enter the University of New Hampshire, her brother who is attending the Cardigan Mt. School and sister Beverly who wants to become a Secretary.

It was not a very good day for a wedding as far as the weather was concerned, but this evening, with candles lighted in the lovely Martha-Mary Chapel, the setting for the marriage of Miss Birkka Koskinen and Mr. Donald Lane was simply beautiful. After the ceremony a reception was held in the large Ball-room for one hundred and fifty guests.

Monday, September 11, 1950 Rain

All day weather reports on the radio concerned a hurricane which was hovering somewhere east of Nantucket. If it came to New England, they said it would strike about 10 or 11 P.M. Candles were held in readiness in case the lights went out as they flickered frequently during the evening. One or two employees whose cars were parked in the parking space for the night, moved them out of the way of falling trees. But nothing alarming occurred. High winds and rain were all we got and the hurricane passed harmlessly out to sea.

Tuesday, September 12, 1950 Cloudy - Windy

The severe storm which has been sweeping over New England during the past two days is subsiding and the weather man predicts that the 60 mile an hour gale will have diminished considerably by nightfall. However, we are still experiencing intermittent rain and high winds.

Tuesday, September 12, 1950 (continued)

The fireplace in the old Bar-room has been the focal point for most of our guests during the storm and tonight Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, overnight guests, sat for a long time by the firelight playing Canasta. Mrs. Mayo was a school teacher before her marriage and gave us some ideas on the present educational system, what it lacks etc. She thinks that children are not taught to respect the wonderful principles and ideals for which our country stands. They do not appreciate in what a wonderful country they are living and are not made to feel that they are a part of it.

Wednesday, September 13, 1950 Cool - Pleasant

Every week the house is brightened by flowers left by departing brides. Sometimes huge baskets of white gladiolas, chrysanthemums or snap dragons are placed on a table just as they came from the Chapel. Sometimes Miss Staples or Miss Pomphrey re-arrange them in smaller containers. They are much admired and people stand entranced at their beauty. Today Mr. Clarke brought in a huge bunch of red and yellow and salmon pink gladiolas from our own garden. They compare very favorably with the ones raised professionally be Mr. Wiles.

Thursday, September 14, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. Guernsey Frost of North Sudbury again brought a group of men for luncheon today. They were employees of the Hardware Mutual Insurance Company of Boston from all parts of the country. Usually when they arrive they go right into the dining room, having chosen their meno in advance. Today they arrived about fifteen minutes late and Mr. Frost looked very much disturbed as he tried to explain. "There was a detour down on Peakham Road and then I hit a squirrel and that has just about spoiled the rest of the day.for me! After the gentlemen had eaten their roast beef however, they felt a lot better.

Friday, September 15, 1950 Pleasant

We are all aware that Fall is well on its way. The days are lovely, but cool.

Mary Lou Foss with whom we are all well acquainted, is to be married in the Martha-Mary Chapel tomorrow evening. This evening there was a rehearsal in the Chapel and afterwards fifteen of the Bridal party, family and friends were seated in the Old Dining Room for a Roast Lamb Dinner. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fodd, Mrs. Wynne, mother of the groom, the bride's sister and brother and also her wedding attendants, one of whom is Barbara Eaton Deveneau. The table was very attractively decorated with flowers from the Inn garden.

Saturday, September 16, 1950 Clear - Cool

Miss Nancy Horne of Shrewsbury was married in the Martha-Mary Chapel at 2:oo P.M. The bride wore proverbial white and one hundred thirty-five guests were in attendance.

The second bride of the day was Miss June Weston of Auburndale, Massachusetts. Her marriage to Mr. David Berg was at the Chapel at four o'clock and a Buffet reception followed at the Inn. The bride wore a lovely white gown and her bridal party wore dark green tissue faille gowns and carried yellow flowers.

Miss Mary Lou Foss and Mr. Edward Wynne of Sudbury were married later in the evening at the Chapel. Miss Foss wore a beautiful white slipper satin gown and helmet and three-quarters length net veil. She carried yellow-eyed daisies and her bridal party wore yellow faille gowns and carried assorted flower bouquets.

A dinner party of one hundred guests was served in the large dining room hnder the able supervision of Mr. Albert Genaske of Boston. An old-fashioned dance followed in the large ball room.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of September 17 - 23, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, September 17, 1950 Pleasant

We often find someone down on his hands and knees in front of the old Hadley Chest in the upper hall, examining the intricate carving on the front of it. And when we tell our guests that the chest was made in America about 1690 they can hardly believe that such an elaborate piece of work was done at that time.

Consequently Hadley chests are valued highly and as someone has said "they do not grow on every tree". They are considered among collectors as very rare and of great value.

Mr. Israel Sack, who first discovered our Hadley chest as a piece of tremendous importance in the field of early Americana, was here today and told us again of how he found the chest in Hillsboro, New Hampshire. It was owned by a school teacher. Mr. Sack sold the chest to a Mr. Behrend and Mr. Behrend to Mr. Ford.

It was Mr. Sack who completely furnished the house with antiques at the request of Mr. Ford in 1923.

Monday, September 18, 1950 Pleasant

A wild flower, somewhat rare in these parts, was brought in this morning by Mrs. Sharpless, who had taken a walk before breakfast by herself. The flower is called ladies tress and is a series of small white blossoms twisting spirally around a pale green stem giving the effect of braided hair. Mrs. Sharpless said there were several ladies tresses growing in this spot and she thought she was entitled to pick only one. But she arranged it with a delicate green fern in a small green glass bottle and it looked very pretty on the breakfast table.

One of our old friends, Phil Merriman came to have lunch today and roam through the familiar rooms once more. He is a tour conductor and next week is being sent on a trip to Hawaii which he was anticipating with a great deal of pleasure.

Tuesday, September 19, 1950 Pleasant

Forty more men came this afternoon with Mr. Marmaduke from the Paul Revere Insurance Company of Worcester and were conducted through the house by one of the hostesses. These men are from practically all the forty-eight states and most of them have never been in New England before.

During their "refresher" course with the home office in Worcester, the company gives them one afternoon of sightseeing and the Inn is the first place on the schedule. They like to hear about the Paul Revere prints in the Bar room and about Paul Revere's Ride in the Tales of a Wayside Inn. It is evident that they are very much impressed by what they can see in New England pertaining to the early settlement of this country.

After the tour today, at least half of the forty men crowded the space around the Bar in an effort to buy books and post cards to take along home.

Wednesday, September 20, 1950 Cold and Cloudy

Mrs. Robert Flint, otherwise known as "Bunny" and her husband came in this evening for a visit. She has not been working as hostess for several weeks and it was good to see her again and looking so well. One of her duties here was to arrange the flowers so knowing the difficulties of making flower arrangements when flowers are scarce, she brought us a basketful of green and yellow gourds. They will add a note of color here and there and brighten up the house this winter and incidentally remind us of the donor. She and Bobby went out to the pantry and down to the kitchen to see everybody and catch up with the news before they left.

Thursday, September 21, 1950 Pleasant and Cool

Mr. C. Frost of No. Sudbury with fifteen guests from the Hardware Mutual Insurance Company, of Boston was served a delicious Roast Beef dinner in the old dining room. It was his last visit to the Inn for the season.

Thursday, September 21, 1950 Pleasant and Cool

In the quiet of the evening when most of the guests had retired, one of the hostesses, and Mr. Cohen, an over-night guest, got to talking about violins. It seems Mr. Cohen was quite interested in old Master pieces and wanted to see the Ole Bull violin which is kept in the Inn. He was delighted to see the old but lovely case which he believed to be made by Hill of London and was surprised to learn that the violin was not a true Maggeni.

Friday, September 22, 1950 Cool

Today we welcomed to the Inn many interesting guests. Among those were guests from England, France, Switzerland and Austria. They were all intrigued with the quaint atmosphere and enjoyed just browsing about.

Also today, for the first time this season, we welcomed the children from the Mary Lamb School. They had their first dancing lesson in the large ballroom with Miss Fisher accompaning them at the piano. Mr. Haynes has returned from his vacation and was here to direct them. Out of the sixteen children enrolled, twelve were in attendance. This was the first lesson for Mr. Saint's daughter Kathy. She appeared to be doing very well and enjoyed it very much.

Saturday, September 23, 1950 Cool - Clear

A reunion of twenty-five members of the Cutler family of Sudbury was served in the small Dining Room this noon. It was a going-away party for Mr. Philip Cutler, who will soon enter the service. The family members were from Texas, Connecticut and various parts of Massachusetts.

In the evening, the lovely, young Miss Eleanor Alden of West Medford became the bride of Mr. Albert C. Winsloe. They were married in the Martha-Mary Chapel where white chrysamthemums and taffeta aisle streamers served as decorations.

Later a buffet style reception was held in the large Ball room which was decorated in lavender and white flowers. The bride wore a flowing slipper satin gown with a small white cap and tapering veil while her four bridesmaids wore pink and duskrose gowns and caps.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of September 24 - 30, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, September 24, 1950 Cold

We are enjoying a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Sussan of Birmingham, Michigan who, for the past three years, have spent one week at the Inn about this time of year.

Mrs. Sussan's ancestral home is about fifteen miles from here and she always makes a point of going to see it. The lovely old house is so charming and beautiful it has become one of the "show" places in this region.

Mr. Sussan noticed the bracelet which Miss Staples was wearing today and remarked on the miniature abacus which dangles from it. He said that the abacus, used as a counting board in China and Japan for thousands of years, has never been equaled by any modern computing machine. Once a new-fangled counting machine was taken to Japan, but it was proven that the abacus was faster.

Monday, September 25, 1950 Cold

The American Express Company came with its usual quota of sight-seers which Mr. Hal Keller in charge. This efficient conductor and his well organized group come promptly, are served promptly and are usually on their way in less than an hour.

The weather has been cool enough to necessitate a furnace fire as well as fires in the fireplaces. The Sussans, house guests from Birmingham, Michigan, preferred to go sight-seeing in Boston today and leaving their car in the parking space took an early bus for the city.

Some of our winter friends have returned from long summer vacations, among them the Condits who came for lunch today. Rev. Condit looks very fit after his long rest.

Tuesday, September 26, 1950 Partly Cloudy

Fofty women from the convention of the American Trade Association were luncheon guests this noon and enjoyed Creamed Chicken in Patty Shells and Baked Indian Pudding with Ice Cream. After the usual comments on the Indian Pudding as a typical New England dish, the ladies were given a talk by one of the hostesses on the history of the Inn. This was especially interesting because this group represented many of the western states.

Thirty-three years with the Ford Motor Company was the record of one of our guests today, a Mr. Sands. He was treating his wife to an outing at the Wayside Inn as she had never been here before. His last visit was in 1925 and consequently the addition of the new Ball room and Dining room was a pleasant surprise.

Wednesday, September 27, 1950 Pleasant

Smoke from forest fires raging in western Canada has finally reached New England giving the sun an overcast appearance and the full moon a most peculiar color at night.

Mr. Polland of Waltham, Mrs. Purdy's father, passed away this morning. He will be greatly missed by his many friends at the Inn as well as the children from the Mary Lamb School, whom he loved to watch at dancing class on Friday afternoons.

Today's papers announce the final settlement of the Ford Foundation and lists these five philanthropic objectives:

World Peace
Strengthening of Democracy
Worldwide Economic Improvement
Expansion of Education
A Fundamental Study of Human Conduct

Thursday, September 28, 1950 Partly Cloudy

The brilliant Autumn weather with its vibrant coloring of the leaves is now upon New England. The bronzes, yellows and bright reds blend beautifully with the setting and surroundings of the Inn. These things no doubt have always been an inspiration to many artists and so it was today when we discovered two young men sketching under the trees near the south-west corner of the Inn. Then again, another enthusiast with easel and brushes sat painting the old Gate house in all its Autumn splendor.

Friday, September 29, 1950 Warm

We heard early this morning of the passing away of Mrs. Ford who was our most loyal and devoted friend. It was just about two years ago that she last came to the Inn to enjoy the Autumn foliage. She loved the brilliant colors of the New England landscape at this time of year. In contrast she was usually dressed in black. Once we remember that over her black dress she threw a bright red shawl and we shall always remember her like that, sitting on the old settle in the Bar-room.

Mrs. Ford never missed a detail of life around the Inn and she was quick to notice if there were any changes. She liked to find it the same, the same old objects in their usual places.

Quietly and in a dignified way she moved about among the guests, they never suspecting that she was the distinguished Landlady of the Wayside Inn. And the Inn will never know a better one.

Saturday, September 30, 1950 Very Pleasant

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston F. Rice of New York City, he the President of the Edmund Rice Association, arrived last evening to attend the annual meeting today.

Early in the morning members of the Association began arriving from near and far. They held a business meeting in the large Ball-room, then adjourned to the large dining room for luncheon. In the afternoon the program continued with several members dressed in Colonial costume representing the first Edmund Rice and his contemporaries.

Saturday, September 30, 1950 Very Pleasant

The Martha-Mary Chapel was scheduled for three weddings today. At 11:30 o'clock in the morning Miss Joyce Boutilier of East Douglas, Mass. became the bride of Mr. Joseph Pondeau. Rev. John Copp officiated at the ceremony which was witnessed by only two friends of the happy couple.

The next wedding took place at three o'clock when Miss Jessie Major of Waltham and Mr. Robert Oppenlander were united in marriage by Mr. Copp. A reception for about sixty guests followed in the small Ball-room of the Inn. This was prettily decorated with white chrysanthemums on the Buffet table and fireplace mantles. The wedding cake was cut and the bride and groom shared the first piece which is a traditional wedding custom.

In the evening a wedding ceremony for Miss Barbara Leavitt and Mr. Alfred Edwards was held by candle light and this impressive occasion was witnessed by one hundred friends of the bride and groom. A large bouquet of seasonal white flowers decorated the Altar and white ribbon streamers flanked the Chapel pews as the bride came down the aisle.

Also on Saturday evening the New England Federation of Men's Glee Clubs held an outing at the Inn with nearly two hundred members present. Dinner was served in the large dining room after which old-fashioned dancing was enjoyed in the Ball-room.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of October 1 - 7, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, October 1, 1950 Pleasant

The "sombre" clock in the Parlor was ticking as usual on this Sunday morning when Dr. Waldbott, an overnight guest, sauntered into the room. He examined the stately Grandfather time-piece as if he were about to make a medical report on a "case"! In fact this is just what he did. He told us that he was a specialist on allergic skin diseases and that the black lacquer finish on the clock case was made from the sap of the poison ivy plant. If the lacquer should get damp or if you touched it with wet hunds, you could easily contract poison ivy. When the Chinese game of Mah-Jong was popular, many people were shocked to find that they had broken out with poison ivy rash developed from the lacquered Chinese figures.

Dr. Waldbott and his wife were on their way to Wellesley College where they have a daughter in the Freshman Class. Their home is at Grosse Point, Michigan and Dr. Waldbott was at one time associated with the Ford Hospital.

Monday, October 2, 1950 Warm

The flag flew at halfmast today and two o'clock our thoughts turned to Dearborn and those who were sorrowfully paying their last tributes to Mrs. Ford.

The New England countryside looked its best with the brilliant coloring of the maple trees. Mrs. Ford would have loved it and the scarlet woodbine climbing up on the gray tree trunks was her favorite color.

The diary bids an affectionate farewell to its most faithful reader.

Tuesday, October 3, 1950 Pleasant

A most unusual sight and one which we may never see again in our lifetime, caused a bit of excitement at the Inn this afternoon. It was a run-away horse. The horse was pulling a hay rake and when stung by a bee, galloped off down the road

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leaving the driver back in the field. The horse went faster and faster and like in the poem of John Gilpin's ride, everyone along the way yelled "Whoa, Whoa." But the horse would not stop. He continued on towards the Grist Mill, the hay rake bouncing over the road and making a terrific noise. Mac, following in the red truck, finally caught up with the beast and stopped him, much to everyone's relief.

And another unusual bit of news. A wedding on Tuesday! Not that wedding is an unusual event but the day of the week on which it occurred is unusual. The bride was Miss Ann Forbes and the groom Mr. Edwin E. Leason. They were married in the Chapel at 8 o'clock. A reception followed in the large Ball room for one hundred guests.

Wednesday, October 4, 1950 Warm and Sunny

Three brothers with their wives met this evening to give their father, ninety years old, a birthday dinner. Quite an appropriate place to choose since their name was Howe and they were descendants of the Howes who settled in Marlboro. Their house still stands and one of the brothers has the deed, written on parchment for the sale of the land upon which the house was built, at the time it was purchased from the Indians. This old document has been lying away folded up for many years and has been stock together so that it could not be opened. Mr. Howe went to Harvard and other experts from various museums to get advice and has tried everything. He finally discovered that by leaving it in his damp cellar the golds of sheepskin are gradually becoming unstuck and the document is now legible. Mr. H. M. Howe was the guest of honor and he told us he was very comfortably situated in the Home for the Aged in Worcester. He took one of our menus as well as his small birthday cake to show to his friends at the home. One of his sons lives in Belmont, another in Newton Centre and a third came all the way from Milford, Pennsylvania.

Thursday, October 5, 1950 Pleasant

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman of Mt. Vernon, New York came to the Inn for the first time in forty-six years. At that time they were residing in Brooklyn, New York and came to the Inn for Thanksgiving dinner in 1904.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Harrison of Singapore stopped for dinner this evening. Mr. Harrison is the crude rubber buyer and managing director of Goodyear Orient Company, Limited, in the Far Eastern area. Mr. Harrison is on a year's leave and is touring the states. He will return to Singapore in 1951.

Friday, October 6, 1950 Cool

Mr. Crockett from the Wellesley Senior High School brought a group of his students to the Inn for luncheon this noon. There were about thirty who enjoyed a meal "out" with the lovely Autumnal foliage as a background. They were seated on the Porch. Afterwards they went through the various rooms of the Inn but Mr. Crockett said they were pretty well filled up on American History and "this kind of thing." Apparently they were having an all day historical outing.

The Old Kitchen was the attractive setting this evening for a rehearsal dinner for members of the Gridley-Van Horn wedding party. The wedding will take place tomorrow in the Martha-Mary Chapel. A lovely centerpiece of white chrysanthemums and red roses decorated the long table which was set for twenty-two guests. The groom's father who is an executive of one of the paper companies in Holyoke, Massachusetts was the charming host.

Saturday, October 7, 1950 Pleasant

Miss Barbara Libby of Northboro became the bride of Mr. J. H. Brigham this afternoon at the Martha-Mary Chapel. Later a buffet style reception was held in the large ballroom which was prettily decorated with white flowers and greens. Miss Libby wore a gown of white slipper satin with a short net veil while her maid-of-honor wore a shaded lavender chiffon gown with a small purple velvet skull cap.

At 5:00 P.M. we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gridley to the Inn after their candlelight wedding ceremony at the Chapel. The bride, the former Miss Shyrley Van Horn of Worcester, wore a beautiful gown of flowing French lace and a cap, also of lace, with a three-quarter length veil. Her bridal party looked lovely in their deep rose and aqua gowns and all carried cascades of white flowers.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of October 8 - 14, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, October 8, 1950 Pleasant

In the late afternoon of this beautiful October day we walked along Dutton Road and suddenly came upon a line of small children sitting on a stone wall. In front of them was a handsome young minister and he was saying - "In the old days, the ministers served not only in the churches, but they often taught school as well in little red school houses just like this one". He pointed to the Mary Lamb School and the children turned their heads and then back to him. The sun was on its way down behind the tall spire of the Martha-Mary Chapel and in the Twilight glow of reds and golds, it seemed as if we had caught a glimpse of Heaven as we tip-toed by.

Several members of the Appalachian Mt. Club dropped in for dinner today. They were participating in one of the Club's official outings.

Monday, October 9, 1950 Pleasant

The last of the groups which the American Express Company has been bringing all summer on Mondays, came today and Mr. Keller, their guide said goodbye and thanked everyone for his cooperation and expressed regret that his visits were over for the season.

Two hundred and fifty Industrial Launderers from all over the country had luncheon also. Six Gray Line buses brought them out from Boston. Mr. Hart, the president of these tours accompanied the group on their trip which included Concord and Lexington.

Tuesday, October 10, 1950 Rain all day

This was a dull day outside but a lively one within. The rain didn't seem to prevent many travellers from coming to the Inn for luncheon or dinner and we were very busy at both meal times. At noon a party of twelve ladies were served luncheon in the old dining room and in the afternoon they used the Old Kitchen for a meeting room. They drew their chairs around the

Tuesday, October 10, 1950 (continued)

fireplace and looked very cozy and comfortable when we peeked into the room. They were members of a church group.

Also as luncheon guests we welcomed our old friends, Dr. and Mrs. Roberts who were on their way to an evening meeting in Athol, Massachusetts.

The Gray Line trip was not prevented by the rain and brought thirty-four hungry passengers.

Wednesday, October 11, 1950 Pleasant

At three o'clock Mrs. Purnelle arrived with about thirty elderly ladies from the Somerville Home for the Aged. They came in a bus which drove right up to the front door so that there would be as little walking as possible. One lady was quite lame and another walked with crutches. After looking around the house and reminiscing about the old things in the Kitchen the group adjourned to the old ball room where a simple tea was served. This was arranged by Mrs. Purnelle and was a delightful surprise to everyone. Those who were unable to climb the stairs were served on the first floor.

Thursday, October 12, 1950 Clearing

Despite the morning rain, Miss Jean Hargraves looked lovely in her traditionally white bridal gown. Her reception was held in the large ball room at 3:30 with one hundred and fifty friends and relatives in attendance.

In the evening we were quite surprised when one of our young hostesses who served as bridesmaid to her cousin today, stopped to see us. She looked lovely in her gown of ice-blue satin and net. Her charming head-dress was a blue satin braided crown with a short shoulder-length veil and she had carried an old-fashioned bouquet of baby-pink roses during the ceremony.

Friday, October 13, 1950 Windy

Friday the 13th did not prove to be unlucky for us in any way. In fact we felt lucky to have the privilege of entertaining three members of the senior class of the Perkins Institution for the Blind. They came with their teacher who explained everything to them as they went slowly through the rooms. It is very remarkable how well these young people adjust themselves to normal living in spite of their tremendous handicap.

Arrangements were made at noon time for luncheon to be served twenty members of the Antique Club of Andover, Massachusetts. Naturally the ladies enjoyed looking through the Inn and examining the pieces of antique furniture here.

The Children's Dancing Class had a large audience today as many of the mothers came to see their young fry perform.

Saturday, October 14, 1950 Pleasant

Today was the first Saturday in many weeks we have not had a wedding reception at the Inn. But we did have one wedding at the Chapel at 3 P M. Miss Lillian Whelpley became the bride of Mr. Claude M. Kane of Waltham.

Forty-eight girls from the Mary E. Burnham School for Girls, Northhampton, came for luncheon and then took a tour of Boston and Radcliffe College in the afternoon. They returned later and had an old-fashioned dinner of Chicken Pie in the small dining room.

The Rushlight Club held a meeting in the small Ball room in the late afternoon. The guest of honor was Mr. Jessie Buffun, who is affectionately called "Buff", a well-known radio personality.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of October 15 - 21, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, October 15, 1950 Pleasant

Dr. and Mrs. Draper, one of our wedding couples, came back today to celebrate their fourth anniversary. They are living in Dover, New Hampshire where Dr.Draper is in general medical practice. Mrs. Draper is busy keeping house and taking care of their dear little daughter who was with them today. She is an adopted child.

Another old friend returned with her son who has just entered Middlesex School in Concord. She is Mrs. Curry from New York whom we remember during War time. Her husband was an Army Chaplain and when stationed near here the Currys came to the Inn several times.

Mr. and Mrs. Cawley, after a week's stay, packed their bags and left early in the afternoon for Tennessee. Mrs. Cawley is the former Janet Howe of Sudbury and the Cawleys will return to live in a new house in Sudbury Center which is under construction. They will be guests here again at Christmas time.

Monday, October 16, 1950 Pleasant - Cold

Every time Mrs. J. B. Brown of Pittsford, New York comes the subject of conversation always turns to weaving. She is a most enthusiastic weaver, belongs to a weaver's guild, wears a little wooden shuttle for a lapel pin and on one of her visits brought us some beautifully woven bookmarks which several people were very anxious to buy for Christmas presents. Mrs. Brown's daughter and her husband came this time leaving four small children at home. This young mother is a most attractive person with a charming personality. As a surprise for Christmas her mother told us she had just finished weaving enough material for a skirt and jacket and a hat and bag to match.

Tuesday, October 17, 1950 Pleasant

In the middle of the morning we welcomed thirty pupils from the Jonathan Maynard School in Framingham Centre who were accompanied by their teacher, Miss Hall. Miss Pomphrey told them about the old Bar room and the Paul Revere prints in which they showed a great deal of interest. Every child had heard of Paul Revere.

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Week of October 15 - 21, 1950 inclusive

Tuesday, October 17, 1950 Pleasant

At noon time a group from the middle West arrived for luncheon. They were conducted by Mr. Maupin of the Reddy Travel Service in St.Louis, Missouri. When the final number was counted there were forty-seven, all interested in Baby Chicks and members of the International Baby Chick Association.

Two little children from England were recent guests, and by their charming manners and fascinating accent completely captivated all who saw them here. They were a boy and girl, brother and sister from Saltburn on the north coast of Yorkshire.

Wednesday, October 18, 1950 Warm

Afternoon teas are very popular these lovely fall days when an open fire is most welcome. Overnight guests continue to come and next week the doctors' convention in Boston will help to fill our rooms.

Four amusing telegrams yesterday and a fifth arriving this morning between the Wayside Inn and Mr. Richard Hildreth of the Standard Oil Co., Rockerfeller Plaza, New York are quoted below:

1 -"Kindly confirm collect reservation for two separated nice twin bedded rooms overnight Sunday 22nd. Party of 4 arriving before six by automobile."

Richard Hildreth

2 - "Holding for your confirmation one twin-bedded and one double bedded room. Sorry these are only rooms available".

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3 - "Accept reservation. Presume both rooms with bath".

Richard Hildreth

4 - "Sorry no private baths. Please advise".

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5 - "Others survive. Presume we will too. Accept reservation gratefully."

Richard Hildreth

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of October 15 - 21, 1950 inclusive

Thursday, October 19, 1950 Warm

The busy noon hour brought to the Inn many interesting guests among whom were Mrs. Horton of Cambridge and nine out-of-state guests. Also two young art enthusiasts had luncheon after which they brought in their paintings of the Mill. Miss Staples, who also enjoys that pastime, had quite a chat with the two young ladies from Grafton about certain aspects of painting.

Friday, October 20, 1950 Pleasant

One hundred 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students from the Harvey - Wheeler School, West Concord, came to see the Inn and were told the tales of by-gone days by Miss Fisher in two groups of fifty each.

Later, sixteen young high school pupils from Newton also visited the Inn.

At 12:30, autumncolored flowers and a cheery fire in the large dining room greeted the fifty-three members of the Boston Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company. A delicious luncheon was served and while the group enjoyed old-fashioned Indian Pudding and Ice Cream the story of the Inn was told to them.

Miss Carpenter of Perkins Institute for the Blind returned again today with five senior and post graduate students and two teachers. They visited the Mary Lamb School and stayed to watch dancing class in the big ball room.

In the evening, a rehearsal dinner was held for Miss Martha-Jane Havens and Mr. R. Harleman who will be married tomorrow at the Martha-Mary Chapel. Twenty-two guests were served a turkey dinner in the homey atmosphere of the Old Kitchen by candle and fire light.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of October 15 - 21, 1950 inclusive

Saturday, October 21, 1950 Pleasant

Miss Martha-Jane Havens of Boston was our lovely bride of the day. She was wed to Mr. D. R. Harleman at the Martha-Mary Chapel which was prettily decorated with a large bouquet of white chrysamthemums and pom-poms, while the pews were decorated with small bouquets of baby chrysamthemums with white satin bows.

The bride's gown was of white and silver brocade with an Elizabethan collar and long sleeves pointed at the wrist. She carried a white brocaded prayer book with white orchids and stephanotis.

Her bridal party wore lovely forest green velvet street-length dresses and carried cascades of bronze and yellow mums. While Miss Haven's niece, serving as flower girl, also wore green and carried bronze chrysamthemums and tiny yellow roses.

After the ceremony approximately one hundred-fifty friends and relatives greeted the newly weds in the large reception hall.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of October 22 - 28, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, October 22, 1950 Pleasant

Ideal weather during this entire week-end brought many people over from New York to witness the Harvard-Army football game played yesterday at Cambridge. Today a lot of young people stopped at the Inn for dinner on their way home. Also in the Sunday throng, which was really and truly a throng, were many physicians and sugeons on their way to Boston for the opening session of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons. Some of our friends who come to the Inn frequently were seen entertaining guests from out of town and introduced them as doctors. Others came for one last look at the Autumn foliage thinking that these warm, sunny days will not linger on very much longer.

Monday, October 23, 1950 Rain

Mr. Young, headmaster of the Wayside Inn Boys School for many years, Mrs. Young and Billy and Sally came to see us yesterday. The children had been promised a trip through the Inn for some time and Sunday was the day chosen. Mrs. Young, formerly Miss Lois Towne, was a hostess here, knew the house very well and was able to tell the children many entertaining anecdotes. Mr. Young enjoyed it as much as the children. He is now headmaster of the Runkles School in Brookline.

Miss Bequiristain and her mother from Havana will be houseguests for about a week. She was born in this country and has many friends here who keep her entertained. She is also enjoying shopping trips to Boston.

Tuesday, October 24, 1950 Cloudy

The manager of the White Hall hotel at Daytona Beach, Florida spent the night here and told us of his ocean front establishment which sounds most attractive. He is Mr. George Wendall and as he was leaving he deposited pictures of the White Hall on the desk. We have looked them over and have been dreaming of a Florida vacation this winter.

Tuesday, October 24, 1950 (continued)

Mr. David C. B. Harvey of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of New York stopped in with his wife and son and examined all of our firearms. He has a collection of guns and a knowledge of them which he gave freely as he described each piece to his son. He told us that our flint-lock was probably made in Pennsylvania. Our Blunderbuss he thought was British and our duelling pistol one of a pair. Mr. Harvey said that a great many so-called old firearms were made recently and are phonies.

Wednesday, October 25, 1950 Cloudy - Cool

Miss Staples received word last night that her brother had died. He lived in Lockport, Illinois and Miss Staples left today to be gone until Sunday or Monday. Although her brother had been ill a long time his death came as quite a shock, nevertheless.

Thirty-six people from the Hartford Retreat, now known as the Institute of Living, came again to see the house. This time they were mostly men and one man in particular was in a very talkative mood and spent a good deal of time telling one of the hostesses why people should imitate the flowers in their way of life. For example he said the flowers have true beauty because they are unconscious of their beauty.

Thursday, October 26, 1950 Pleasant - Cool

Rev. D. R. Couvell came to visit us today with his wife. Rev. Couvell told us he had just bought a home in Hudson, Massachusetts but he had previously lived in New York State and Detroit where he knew Mrs. Ford well. The couple was familiar with both the Dearborn and the Botsford Inns.

Mrs. George Miller of Framingham Centre today gave a luncheon party for approximately eight of her friends. Tapers, flowers and candy mints were placed on the table for the occasion.

At 3:30 in the afternoon, we welcomed to the Inn 400 members of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons whose convention is being held in Boston. They took a tour through the house and then visited the Country Store.

Friday, October 27, 1950 Pleasant

Our charming houseguests, the Berguiristains from Havana, Cuba found the children's dancing class very entertaining. They watched the children with interest while Mr. Haynes gave them directions for a new dance. After the class had adjourned, Mrs. Begairistain asked if she might play the piano. Naturally the hostess consented and we all enjoyed listening to Latin-American melodies.

Mrs. Beguiristain's daughters, Teresita and her sister, were both born in Massachusetts and were then brought back to Cuba to live. When they became of age they both returned to the United States to attend college for four years, where they both learned to speak English.

Teresita is now returning to Cuba where she will be employed by National Airlines.

Saturday, October 28, 1950 Cool

A small birthday luncheon was held in the old dining room for Mrs. Hersey this noon. Approximately six members of her family were here to celebrate the happy occasion and a large birthday cake with "Happy Birthday Mother" was the center of attraction.

Samoan war knives, canoes, necklaces and tapa cloth were the unusual decorations on the table for the luncheon given for John D. Copp in honor of his forthcoming book "The Samoan Dance of Life". The guests, all associated with the book in some way, included the artist, Mr. Edward Karr; the editor, Mr. Melvin Arnold and his daughter, Alexandria; the associate editor, Janice Finnie, the promotion director, Mrs. Edward Darling and his wife, the production manager, Mr. Wittlesee; and Miss Elinor Bentley who typed the manuscript. Rev. Copp, a native of Sudbury, has spent eight years doing missionary work on the island of Samoa and has now put forth his ideology of the native way of living. Before leaving he gave an autographed copy of his unique work to one of the hostesses.

Late in the day, one hundred thirty members of the Indian Farmers association were served a delicious luncheon of creamed chicken in patty shelland while being told the story of the inn, they enjoyed old-fashioned Indian Pudding.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of October 29 - November 4, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, October 29, 1950 Cloudy

Reverend Ronald A. Mosley of the United Methodist Church of East Natick brought some young people from his parish to see the house this afternoon. It being cloudy and dismal outside, the group spent a long time inside, discussing the use of various old utensils and pausing to read the typewritten descriptions of each room.

Another minister who enjoyed the Inn recently was the Reverend Daniel McKeith, Jr. head of Foreign Missions of the Congregational Church.

Monday, October 30, 1950 Warm

In a letter received this morning from Miss Carpenter of Perkins Institution, she thanks the Wayside Inn staff for its hospitality of last Friday when she brought five students to see the Inn, and to watch the dancing class of the Redstone School. She says: "It means so much to our young people to see order and training like that...All my memories of Wayside Inn are so happy."

She encloses a letter neatly typed by one of the girls and signed by Cleta Johnson who is from Utah and Madine Potter from Vermont. Madine says: "Since we are from a great distance the memory of that visit will be something very wonderful for us to carry home to our family and friends."

Tuesday, October 31, 1950 Pleasant

Two fat round pumpkins are gracing the entrace to the Inn, just to remind us that this is the Halloween and Harvest season. Inside there are other pumpkins. Miss Pomphrey has placed them appropriately in the Old Kitchen and Bar Room and some red Autumn leaves and rosy red apples are arranged artistically around them.

Mr. Rooney from the Memorial School in Framingham brought his class of twenty-five pupils to see the Inn this morning and they were shown around by one of the hostesses. Several kept note book and pencil in hand and jotted down bits of information as the explanations were given.

Wednesday, November 1, 1950 Warm

The warm weather continues and the front door can be opened wide early in the Day. Mr. Coulter has been painting the front and back stairs, whistling cheerfully the while. Yellow pumpkins have appeared throughout the house in various decorations and two huge ones have been placed outdoors one on each side of the front steps, reminding people of Hallowe'en as they come up the walk.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burrage of Weston celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by having luncheon at the Inn today. Mrs. Burrage is a member of the Farm and Garden Club and had just returned from a meeting in Detroit where she met Mrs. Plantiff who sent her greetings to all her friends at the Inn.

Thursday, November 2, 1950 Warm

The unusually warm weather is still with us. The low, quiet breezes are quite refreshing and we hear no one complaining.

Busy people came to and fro today to have lunch and then to see the Inn and in the evening we were quite pleased when Rev. and Mrs. Hyde of North Adams and Portland, Maine, came to see us. They had as their guest, Dr. Hyde, the Reverend's brother, of the Library of Congress. The couple have been here often but Dr. Hyde, who is doing research in forty-five different languages, enjoyed his first visit immensely.

Friday, November 3, 1950 Pleasant

While the children from the Redstone School were going through one of their Quadrilles in the large Ball Room, several Indians, walking in single file, came in and sat down to watch. Soon, some cow girls came, dressed in their lovely fringed jackets of soft leather and wide brimmed hats and then a cowboy or two appeared. These unusual guests were from the Gene Autry Show playing at Boston Garden and had just finished lunch.

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After watching the children dance for a while, the leader of the Indian said, "Let's all do a Friendship Dance!" so every one joined hands and circled slowly around the hall. The Indians then showed one of their dances, while one shouted in a low voice at rythmic intervals and another beat Mr. Haynes' sticks together in liew of a drum. It was most interesting and full of historic significance and at times quite graceful and one hardly missed the full costumes and feathered head dresses.

Saturday, November 4, 1950 Rain

Our one bride of the day was Miss Margaret Cunniffe of Waltham. She was married to Mr. Herbert Loynd also of Waltham at the Chapel at 4 o'clock.

After the happy couple left, Rev. Copp of Sudbury, who officiated at the ceremony came to the Inn for Tea and chatted for a while with the hostesses. The interesting topic of conversation, naturually, was Mr. Copp's recent book "The Samoan Dance of Life" and how he lived when writing it.

He discribed to us the beautiful hues of the different types of coral, pink, blue, lavender and even shades of green, the soft-as-silk, white sandy beaches and the tiny, quaint shack where he lived while doing his writing. Although the deep blue water is really too warm for bathing, many people indulged in the sport but only in places where the sharp cutting coral has been removed or covered with sand.

The weather was quite bearable, said Mr. Copp, except for the torential rains and the scenery is something he will never forget, especially the beautiful golden red sunsets.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of November 5 - 11, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, November 5, 1950 Cloudy

A special bus was chartered to bring forty distinguished European bankers to the Inn for luncheon. After touring historic Lexington and Concord the group, under the direction of Mr. Ervin A. Hinds of the First National Bank of Boston, was seated in our large dining room near the fireplace.

During the meal there was much chattering in many different languages - Spanish, French, German, Scandinavian and English as a real Englishman speaks it. Then Miss Staples joined the group and explained the history of the Inn and answered questions. Some of the men compared the furniture and household utensils of early America with those used in their own countries during the same period. The gentleman from France wanted to hear about Lafayette's visit and the gentleman from Austria upon leaving, displayed an old and traditional European custom by kissing Miss Staples' hand!

Monday, November 6, 1950 Pleasant

Very often the Inn is a refuge for the tired business man, a busy housewife who likes to have some one else do the cooking once in a while, or a member of the clergy who wants to get away from the cares and demands of a large parish.

Today, Rev. Dana McLean Greeley came for luncheon with Mrs. Greeley and after lunch took a leisurely stroll through the house. Dr. Greeley is the minister of the Arlington Street Church in Boston and was delighted to be able to slip away into the country for a few hours.

Tuesday, November 7, 1950 Pleasant

Three years of yellow corn have been hung against the broad, panelled front door of the Inn suggestive of a warm welcome and the Harvest season. This hanging of corn in November is becomming as customary in New England as the display of a green wreath at Christmas time. Many have asked the significance of the corn, but we have had no authoritative word regarding its real meaning. Today, however, George Pearson, the poetical Bus driver and lecturer of the Gray Line came bouncing in with a poem about it.

Tuesday, November 7, 1950 Pleasant

This is what he himself wrote:

Good harvest, my friend
There is corn on the door
Come now and again if you want any more
We want you to come, to feel welcome and free
Here you will find Hospitality

Wednesday, November 8, 1950 Warm

Cloudy skies which threatened to rain all day kept some people at home. But a few old friends ventured forth among them two elderly ladies and their chauffeur from Cambridge. After lunch Mrs. Dow, in her eighty-ninth year, said she enjoyed everything just as much as ever and promised to come again soon if the weather continued to be mild.

Thursday, November 9, 1950 Mild and sunny

"One autumn night in Sudbury town
Across the meadows bare and brown,
The windows of the Wayside Inn
Gleamed red with firelight
Shining through the leaves of woodbine
Hanging from the eaves."

describes beautifully the seasonal weather we are still enjoying. The colorful foliage is quickly fading but our guests still love to walk through "the meadows bare and brown" and the wooded areas surrounding us. Among these guests recently were the Turners, old friends of all the Inners, and their daughter, Alta Ann and her husband. Perhaps you remember Alta Ann, the beautiful little girl with the golden hair, who would help Mr. Estabrook light the old-fashioned lamps in the evening? Often she would repeat the lines of the poem" The Lamplighter."

"When I am stronger
And am to choose what I'm to do,
Oh, Leary, I'll go round at night
And light the lamps with you."

Friday, November 10, 1950 Cool and Sunny

Today was a beautiful day for our young travellers to come and see the Inn. Two groups of children, 18 from the Belmont Day School and 9 Girl Scouts from Westboro spent almost all the morning touring the Inn and the Grounds.

With the group from Westboro came little Brownie Brigette Erhardt from Germany. Her eyes were as bright as shiny apples when the story of Paul Revere was related to the group. For having been in the United States such a short time, Brigette understood practically every word Miss Fisher said as she took them through the Inn.

Another interesting visitor was a woman doctor from Pakistan who was handsomely dressed in her native attire of white satin slacks with black coat trimmed with a beautiful dull rose binding. And about her neck she wore a soft pink scarf. Dr. (Mrs) A. K. Awan is furthering her studies in the medicinal field and is enjoying her first trip to the United States very much.

Saturday, November 11, 1950 Cool

Armistice Day - - a quiet day indeed with the shadow of Korea hovering above us. A little over thirty years ago this was a day to remember - - parades, parties, celebrations. The end of all wars the political leaders had said. -. . . . . Will there ever be a true armistice again?

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of November 12 - 18, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, November 12, 1950 Pleasant

Luggage marked "United Nations, New York, U.S.A." aroused our curiosity this morning and we were pleased to discover after Breakfast that our overnight guest, Mr. E. R. Sayan is the Peruvian delegate. He and Mrs. Sayan talked a little about the work of the United Nations and among other things, Mr. Sayan said he felt that Peace was a long way off because "it is very hard to change people's way of thinking."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Stebbins and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hunting of Rochester, New York left this morning after a week-end visit. They attended the Exeter-Andover football game yesterday. Mr. Stebbins is a graduate of Phillips-Andover Academy and Mr. and Mrs. Hunting have a son attending this famous prep school at the present time. Exeter won the game!

Monday, November 13, 1950 Pleasant - Cold

As two young girls were about to order luncheon today, one of them mentioned the fact that she was from the Toll House in Whitman. She works in the gift shop of this famous eating place and said she had heard a good deal about the Wayside Inn and was very anxious to see it. After luncheon the girls spent some time going through the rooms and just as they were leaving the people from the Gray Line bus were coming in and Mr. Murray, the driver, greeted the other one of the girls, calling her by her first name. After chatting for a few minutes by the front door Mr. Murray came in and told us the young lady was Beatrice Alden from Duxbury, the tenth descendant of John and Priscilla Alden and that she still lives in the house they built in the 17th century.

Tuesday, November 14, 1950 Pleasant

Three elderly ladies who introduced themselves as members of the Nichols family of Reading, were luncheon guests this noon. They were thankful for one more pleasant day before Winter closes in. "When Winter comes we have to stay in the house on account of slippery sidewalks" they said.

Tuesday, November 14, 1950 (continued)

A recent guest was Mrs. Clifford O. Perry of Danvers who said she was proposed to on our sofa in the Parlor. Said that Mr. Perry gave her the ring there. It was about twenty-eight years ago, in Mr. Lemon's time. Mr. Perry passed away some years ago, so Mrs. Perry was re-newing old memories in a lonely way.

Wednesday, November 15, 1950 Pleasant

Luncheon guests today were Prof. and Mrs. Jack. Dr. Jack was professor of naval architecture at M.I.T., is now in his eighty-fourth year but, although totally blind, seemed to enjoy being in the Inn and hearing his friends talk about it.

Miss Fraser and her mother, perhaps our most frequent luncheon guests, came today, this time bringing a doll for which Miss Fraser has been making clothes, sewing them all by hand. On the hutch table in the bar-room she proceeded to dress and undress the doll in every conceivable kind of a costume with bonnets to match, from a cozy baby bunting to a sun suit. It was a treat for all to see.

Thursday, November 16, 1950 Cloudy

Although breakfast is usually served from eight o'clock on in the morning, we had an early arrival this morning. Mr. McGregor, the squirrel, as the waitresses call him, sat pertly upon the bird food box on the tree outside the window and waited for service. The waitress quickly got a scrap of bread and went out to give it to him. Mr. McGregor, sitting with his bushy tail blowing in the breeze, gently took the offering from the girl's hand and scurried up the tree to the first branch where he sat for the next twenty minutes enjoying his delicious meal and prompt service.

Friday, November 17, 1950 Sunny - Cool

Early this morning a group of young children came to tour the house and the surrounding areas. Forty-five pupils from the Ward School of Newton Center entered the Inn promptly at 9:15 and were taken through the house under the capable guidance of Miss Fisher.

One of our hostesses, Miss Pomphrey, started on a week-end trip to New York also this morning. She plans to see a few high lights of the city, including the RCA Building, Rockefeller Center, and the Empire State Building.

Saturday, November 18, 1950 Rainy and Clearing

Mrs. MacMillan will be arriving home soon from the Marlboro Hospital where she recently underwent an operation.

Here at the Inn, we are still entertaining guests from all over the United States. Today we had representatives from California, Colorado, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas and Washington.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of November 19 - November 25, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, November 19, 1950 Partly cloudy

A forerunner of Thanksgiving Day, cloudy and cold. And not many people dining out. Those who came did not choose Turkey for their dinner, saving their appetites for it until Thursday. Many chose an especially delectable lemon chiffon pie for dessert.

A very bride-ish looking young lady appeared at Breakfast time. She was dressed in a black suit with white ermine collar and cuffs and regal white fur hat. A white orchid adorned her costume. She was tall and blonde. Her husband, Mr. Samuel Walter, told us that he first came to the Inn nine years ago and wanted to return on his honeymoon. He is connected with the Music department of Boston University.

Monday, November 20, 1950 Partly cloudy

A very kindly gentleman by the name of Carlisle, spoke to us recently about the Berry Schools in Georgia and said that he was a member of the Board of Governors. He told of Mr. and Mrs. Ford's interest in the school and how they had contributed a great deal of money for new buildings. Yet their wonderful help was given in such a modest and quiet way it is known to but relatively few people.

Tuesday, November 21 1950 Rain

What is more pleasing to the nose than the odor of a Thanksgiving turkey being browned in the oven? Multiply that one turkey by sixteen and you have the total number roasting themselves in Wayside Inn ovens today. Add the flavor of dressing, bowls of cranberry sauce squash and onions, plum pudding and pumpkin pie and you have a pretty good picture of what our Thanksgiving dinner will be like.

Wednesday, November 22, 1950 Pleasant

The weather man promises a pleasant day for the holiday and preparations are going forward to serve a turkey dinner to at least five hundred. We are looking forward to seeing many of our old friends on the reservation list. The Huckins family are to be seated in the old dining room as usual. They - mother, father and daughter - haven't missed one Wayside Thanksgiving in over twenty years. Quite a record.

Thursday, November 23, 1950 Very pleasant

The thoughts brought to mind by the aroma of roasting turkeys and delicious plum puddings finally became a reality this noon time when we all sat down to a wonderful turkey dinner. Many old friends of the Inn had their traditional dinner in the home-like atmosphere they all love so much.

And throughout the house the bounties of a plentiful harvest were gay and colorful in their attractive arrangements. Indian corn, red, red apples, purple cabbages, white and purple grapes bright tangerines - all added to the festive appearance of this day of thanks-giving.

We thank God for the things we enjoy this day for tomorrow we may be without them.

Friday, November 24, 1950 Cloudy

Everyone survived the holiday which meant hard work as well as pleasure in being of service to others.

Today a cloud has appeared in the form of notification that the Inn is to close on Sunday, December 3rd and will not re-open until Wednesday, April 4th, 1951.

Recent guests were Miss Amelia Shapleigh and her companion from West Lebanon, Maine. They live in the house formerly owned by Ole Bull and where his daughter Olea lived for many years.

Saturday, November 25, 1950 Rain

In the midst of a heavy wind and rain storm, Miss Yvonne LaMarbe of Marlboro emerged as a beautiful new bride. She looked lovely in her ice-blue satin gown trimmed with tiny seed pearls and lace. A net finger-tip veil and crown adorned the lovely girl's head through the reception and wedding breakfast. The bridesmaids were dressed in blue velvet gowns with matching mitts and caps. After the wedding, breakfast dancing was enjoyed in the large Ball-room. Miss LaMarbe is the daughter of a prominent physician in Marlboro.

Thursday, November 20, 1930 Mary Leonard

The thought occurs to mind of the dress of wearing
jewelry and necklaces now, although fashion decrees a pretty fig-
ure like mine to all but deny so - somewhat burdy chance.
Long ago friends of the Inn Dear Diary Unfaithful Sinner to the
name-like stone here they do love to wear.

Our housekeeper has taken the fragrance of a pleasant
morning here any real material is their wife-to-be-remembered.
Little Sweetness - red sapphire, ruby, red sapphire melongena, and the sapphire genuine
bright Sweetness - all named to the festive celebrated at this day
of Thanksgiving.

We think God for the Ideals to which this our dear mistress
already is--Lovers them.

Friday, November 21, 1930 Cloudy

Everyone received the Holiday Cash Awards Part with so well
as Journeys Planning to Service to others.

Today - dined six elegant in the Home of Mrs. Elizabeth Ely
for Tea it is alone in Reading, December Two Dear still not recipes with
Tomorrow, until then, Well.

Sweet Pastor Home Miss Hazel Mountleigh and Two Companion
from Paris Embassy Ballet. They Live in the Notre Dramatic Opera by
the Bell and there his Daughter Olive Lived for many Years.

Saturday, November 22, 1930 Rain

In the Hands of a Merry Band are their Stores, Blue Tremble
Lake Tyler of Bellamy wedding at a Beautiful new bride. Rose Jewels
Lovely in Her Low-Blue Satin Pointed Slip Body read Pearls and
Lace. Their Silver-Slip Veil and Gown adorned the Lovely Bride's
Hair Through the reception and wedding breakfast. The Refreshments
were Served in Blue velvet Punch with Salmon Jelly and Cake.
After the wedding Breakfast Bunting was enjoyed in the Large Ball-
room. Miss Lucy was the daughter of a Prominent Physician in
Bellevue.

THE WAYSIDE INN DIARY

Week of November 26 - December 3, 1950 inclusive

Sunday, November 26, 1950 Cloudy

A wind of near Hurricane force speeded our guests toward their own homes last evening where they sought shelter and comfort. A few stayed and compared the storm to the famous Hurricane of 1938. Large branches fell to the ground and in some places whole trees were uprooted. The electric lights flickered and went out while hostesses rushed for candles and matches. One guest tried to cheer the others by saying he guessed the Inn was safe after standing through two hundred and fifty years of unpredictable New England weather.

This morning all is well and no particular damage was done, inside or out.

Monday, November 27, 1950 Cloudy

A surprise party was given Mrs. Lester A. Claflin of Northboro this evening by a thoughtful husband who planned every detail himself. He arranged an Old Kitchen dinner and invited ten friends. The occasion was Mrs. Claflin's birthday. When she arrived the guests were huddled in a dark corner of the Kitchen ready to spring their surprise Hello! It worked.

Tuesday, November 28, 1950 Partly cloudy

The announcement was made in many of the Boston papers on Sunday about the closing of the Inn. Today several of our old friends have called on the phone to get further details. A photographer from the Boston Post arrived this afternoon to take a picture.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. O'Toole celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary at the Inn this evening by having dinner in the old dining room. They are a handsome middle-aged couple who conduct a very successful florist business in Waltham. Mrs. O'Toole comes to the Inn quite regularly for a few days rest and relaxation.

Wednesday, November 29, 1950 Pleasant

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Wednesday, November 29, 1950 Pleasant

A surprise note came this morning from one of our Thanksgiving dinner guests, a Mrs. Sarah P rshley who writes from Dorchester - "We wish to express our thanks for our pleasant visit with you on Thanksgiving Day. We all enjoyed the privilege of using the house as a home, as well as the delicious dinner. Thank you again from six of us".

Thursday, November 30, 1950 Cloudy and cold

The end of November. It surely feels as if Winter were right upon us. The trees are bare and the once bright, green grass has been touched by frost reminding us that soon snow will be falling upon the old Inn.

Rev. Douglas C. Morse of Brookfield, Mass. came for lunch today and with him were his wife and two young blonde-haired boys, just full of rascality. Rev. Morse is a former Wayside Inn School boy and is now minister of the Unitarian Church in Brookfield.

Little ladies and gentlemen of the Mary Lamb School came today for their last dancing class before the Inn closes. Many of the luncheon guests enjoyed watching them.

Friday, December 1, 1950 Cold

Thirty pupils from the Wellesley public school - 1st grade - visited the Inn today and were guided through the rooms by Miss Fisher.

We should like to record something said by one of our overnight guests, Mr. Delaney, who has been stopping here about once a month for the past few months. He said: "I always feel at home here. Can't say more or anything better than that. You can't go beyond the word "Home".

Saturday, December 2, 1950 Cloudy

Miss Fisher came in this noon laden with Christmas gifts. A bit early we all thought, but when she explained she had been dining with Mrs. Bowker in Worcester, we understood. Usually Mrs. Bowker comes on Christmas Day with gifts for her friends at the Inn, but because we are closing she had Miss Fisher deliver them for her.

Sunday, December 3, 1950 Pleasant

The Inn is closing today - after the last guest has departed - and will not re-open until April 4, 1951.